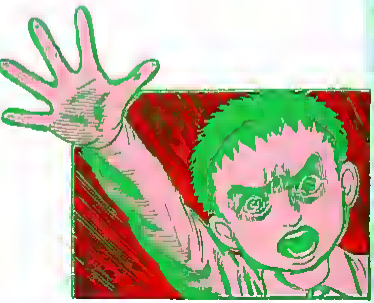
SHOU SAW, WITH HIS VERY OWN EYES!! THAT THERE WAS A BARREN FIELD SPREAD OUT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL...!! AS THEIR HUNGER AND FEAR INCREASED, THE ANXIETY LEVELS OF THE STUDENTS OF YAMATO ELEMENTARY REACHED EXTREME LEVELS!!



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TAKAMATSU SHOU WAS A SIXTH-GRADER AT YAMATO ELEMENTARY, WHEN ONE DAY HE WAS DRAGGED INTO AN ABNORMAL SITUATION. A HUGE NOISE RANG OUT, AND THEN THE LANDSCAPE OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL SUDDENLY CHANGED DRASTICALLY, TURNING INTO A BARREN DESERT. SCARED STUDENTS BEGAN TO PANIC AND CAUSE A COMMOTION, BUT THE TEACHERS CALMED THEM DOWN. SHOU, WANTING TO GO HOME, TRIES TO PHONE HIS MOTHER, BUT NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE TRIED THE PHONE WON'T WORK. AS FEAR AND ANXIETY ENGULFED THE SCHOOL, IT BECAME LUNCHTIME, AND SHOU HURRIED TOWARD THE LUNCHROOM..

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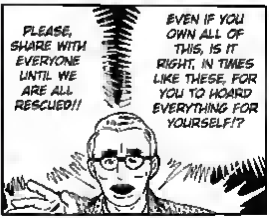
THE BREAD WHICH BRINGS INSANITY

LISTEN UP!! THIS BREAD IS ALL MINE, GOT THAT!?
UUHH !!

WHA, WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? THAT'S OUR LUNCH!!

SHUT UP!! I HAVEN'T BEEN PAID FOR THIS BREAD YET!! IT'S ALL MINE!!


PLEASE, SHARE WITH EVERYONE UNTIL WE ARE ALL RESCUED!!
EVEN IF YOU OWN ALL OF THIS, IS IT RIGHT, IN TIMES LIKE THESE, FOR YOU TO HOARD EVERYTHING FOR YOURSELF!?

SEKIYA-SAN, ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU DON'T CARE IF EVERY-BODY STARVES!?

I'M NOT GIVING YOU A SINGLE CRUMB!!
SHUT UP!!
GEHH!!
"SHARE WITH EVERYONE UNTIL WE ARE ALL RESCUED" !?
HA HA HA HA
YAMA-SHINA-SENSEI!!!

YOU TEACHERS, ALWAYS ACTING SO HIGH AND MIGHTY!!
HAH!! LIKE HELL I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING!!
KYAAAA!
IF YOU'RE SLOW, I'LL CUT YOU UP!!
NOW, ALL OF YOU LEAVE THIS ROOM!!

TELL EVERY-BODY!! THAT I'LL STAB WHOEVER COMES CLOSE TO THIS ROOM AND KILL THEM!!
NOW, GET OUT!!
AH!!
KYAAAA !!
SLAM
KYA !!

HELP ME!!
HELP!!
S, SOMEONE DIDN'T MAKE IT !!
THUD
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UGH!!
SHUT UP!!
W A A A H !
H, HEY!!

WAAAAH !!
H, HE KILLED HER!!
SENSEI !!
S, SENSEI!! S, SOME-BODY GOT KILLED!!

A, AND THEN WE RAN AWAY, BUT A GIRL GOT LEFT BEHIND, AND HE...!!
TH, THE LUNCH PERSON, HE WON'T GIVE US OUR LUNCHES!!
HE, I THINK HE KILLED HER!!
THAT NICE LUNCH PERSON!?
NO WAY !!
WH, WHAT!?
HUH !?

HUH!? AIKAWA-SAN!?
IN ANY CASE, WHAT HAPPENED TO AIKAWA-SAN?
YEAH, KYOKO-CHAN SAID SHE WAS IN CHARGE OF LUNCH TODAY, AND WENT TO MEET YOU.
TH, THAT GIRL, SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN AIKAWA-SAN!!
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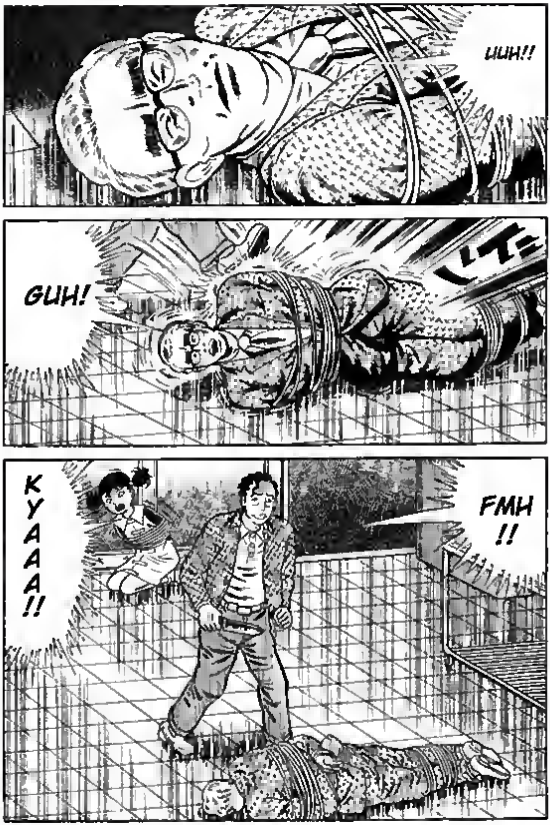
WHAT!?

ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO AND CHECK!!
I DIDN'T SEE AIKAWA-SAN AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO WERE RUNNING AWAY!
NO! YOU KIDS STAY HERE!!
SENSEI, WE'LL GO TOO!!
I KNOW; HE'S ALWAYS SMILING, AND HE SAYS "HELLO" TO US ALL THE TIME.
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, HOW COULD THE LUNCH PERSON DO SUCH A THING!?

HOW COULD THAT NICE PERSON DO SUCH A THING... COULDN'T THIS WHOLE THING BE A BIG MISTAKE?
HE GAVE ME A BUN BEFORE!
WHAT !!
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF HE TAKES AWAY OUR LUNCHES FROM US, WE'LL ALL STARVE!!
BUT IT'S TRUE !!
AND ANYTHING RELATED TO FOOD, OR ANYTHING IMPORTANT, THEY'RE ALL IN THE LUNCHROOM!!


UUH!!
GUH!
KYAAA!!
FMH!!

DO YOU WANT TO BE BEATEN UNCONSCIOUS AGAIN?
SHUT UP!!
THUD THUD THUD
SEKIYA-SAN!!
LUNCH PERSON!!
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THUD THUD
S, SENSEI, IT'S ME!!
AIKAWA-KUN!! IS AIKAWA-KUN THERE!?
SEKIYA-SAN, PLEASE, OPEN THE DOOR!! WE NEED TO TALK!!
GYAH!!
AIKAWA-KUN, YOU, YOU'RE SAFE!!

HMPH !!
SEKIYA-SAN!!
SEKIYA-SAN!!
SEKIYA-SAN, WE NEED TO TALK TO YOU; PLEASE, ANSWER!!

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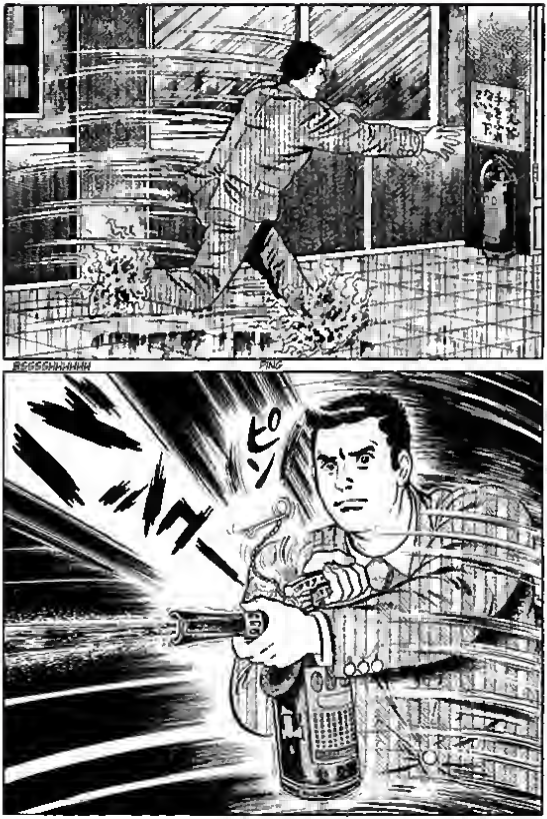
S, SOMEBODY, QUICK; THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER!!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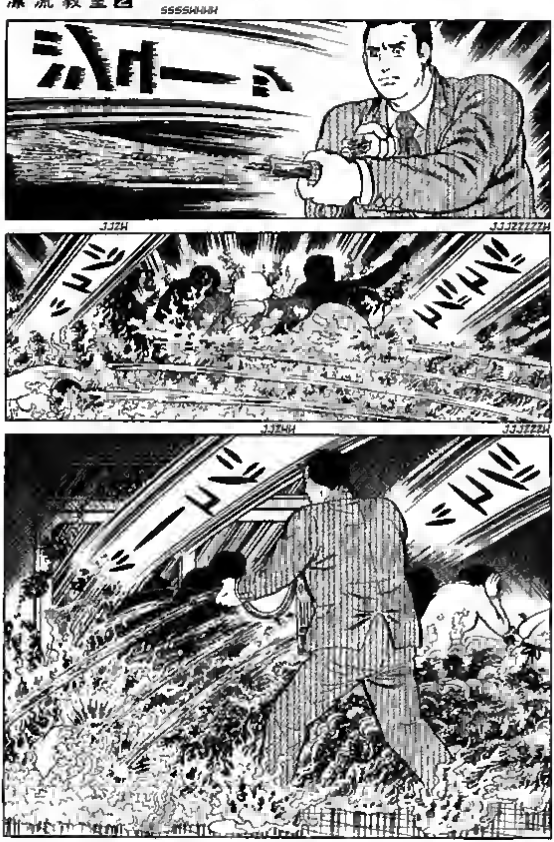

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WAKAHARA-SENSEI, YOUR LEGS!! THE FLAMES!!
OHH..
UHH..
SENSEI!!
CLANG

THIS KID'S A HOSTAGE, GOT THAT!?
LISTEN UP TEACHERS, IF YOU EVEN STEP NEAR THIS ROOM, I WON'T SHOW ANY MERCY!!
STARTING TODAY, THE SCHOOL IS MINE!! YOU WILL ALL OBEY MY ORDERS!! UNDERSTOOD!?
AH!!
IF YOU DO SOME-THING FUNNY, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS !!
UNDER-STOOD!?
ALL OF THE FOOD HERE IS MINE!! TELL EVERYBODY ELSE THAT TOO!
SLAM
SEKIYA-SAN!!

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GLATCH GLATCH
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I KNOW ALL ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENED!!
HA!! I WON'T LET ANYBODY HAVE THIS FOOD!!
BUT I'LL SURVIVE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT IT TAKES TO DO SO!!
THIS IS THE ONLY FOOD LEFT!!
I OVERHEARD THE TEACHERS TALKING!! ABOUT HOW THERE WAS NO WAY OF BEING RESCUED!!

THE TEACHERS GOT BURNED!?
WH, WHAT!?
CLASS 6-3
IT'S TRUE! AND THE KIDS IN FIRST- AND SECOND-GRADE ARE STARTING TO CRY, SAYING THEY'RE HUNGRY!!
AND AIKAWA-SAN'S BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE!?
I KNOW, LET'S ALL DRINK WATER FOR THE MEAN-TIME!!
WE'RE STARVING, TOO!! WHAT SHOULD WE DO!? I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!!
WHAT!?
THE WATER!! THE WATER ISN'T RUNNING!!

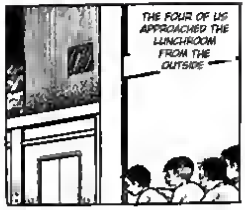
THE ELECTRICITY'S NOT RUNNING EITHER, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN NIGHT COMES!?
WE'RE REALLY GOING TO STARVE TO DEATH!!
HUH!?
NOT A SINGLE DROP!!
WE CAN'T JUST RELY ON THE TEACHERS ANYMORE!! WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!!
IF WE ALL ATTACK AT ONCE, WE CAN DEFEAT A GROWN-UP!!
HE'S RIGHT!! IF WE DITHER AROUND, WE'LL GET HUNGRIER, AND BE AT AN EVEN BIGGER DISADVANTAGE!!
LET'S ALL ATTACK HIM AT ONCE!! WE CAN'T BE WORRIED ABOUT A FEW CASUALTIES ANYMORE!!
WE'RE ALL HUNGRY AND IRRITATED; WE'RE NOT THINKING STRAIGHT!!
WAIT, EVERYONE!!
BUT WHAT ABOUT AIKAWA-SAN!? ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD JUST LET HER DIE!? THAT'S JUST TERRIBLE!!

THERE SHOULD BE SOME EGGS AND MILK IN THE ROOM TOO!! AND MAYBE SOME POTATOES!!
FIRST THINGS FIRST, WE HAVE TO SOMEHOW GET OUR HANDS ON SOME OF THAT BREAD!!
HE WANTS TO MAKE US ALL STARVE TO DEATH, SO THAT HE ALONE CAN SURVIVE!!
DAMNIT!! SEKIYA'S PLANNING ON HOARDING ALL OF THAT HIMSELF!!
THEN, FIRST WE RESCUE AIKAWA-SAN, AND THEN EVERYONE ELSE JUMPS SEKIYA ALL AT ONCE!!
LISTEN, A FEW OF US ARE GOING TO SNEAK INTO THE LUNCHROOM!!
YEAH !!
LET'S GO!!
MAKE SURE THAT THE OTHER CLASSES DON'T NOTICE ANYTHING! IF WORD GETS OUT AND PEOPLE GET UNSETTLED, IT'LL JUST MAKE SEKIYA EVEN MORE VIOLENT!!

SHH!! THERE'S SOMEONE IN FRONT OF THE STAFF ROOM!!
I CAN NO LONGER PRETEND TO BE CALM IN FRONT OF THEM!!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THE STUDENTS FROM HOW ON!?
IT'S THE TEACHERS!!
BECAUSE... ALL OF TOKYO.. NO.. MAYBE EVEN ALL OF JAPAN HAS DIED OFF!!
I WISH THAT ALL OF THE STUDENTS WOULD JUST DIE!!
MAYBE THE RADIATION HAS SPREAD ACROSS THE ENTIRE WORLD... HOW CAN WE BE CERTAIN THAT OUR EFFORTS AREN'T TOTALLY FUTILE!?
THERE'S RADIATION OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL..
A MISSILE FELL!! THERE WERE RUMORS THAT THIS SORT OF THING COULD HAPPEN ANY TIME IN JAPAN...

MOM AND EVERYONE ELSE DIED!?
THEN MY BROTHER DIED BECAUSE OF RADIATION...!?
A MISSILE !!
WE CAN'T JUST ACT SHOCKED OR SCARED ALL THE TIME ANYMORE!! YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU!?
SHH!! QUIET!!
IKEGAKI-KUN, HATA-KUN, OOKUBO-KUN AND I WILL GO AS REPRESENTATIVES; IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, WE'LL CONTACT YOU!!
WE DESPERATELY RECOLLECTED OURSELVES, AND WENT TO GET THE BREAD
WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW IS FOOD!!

BUT INSIDE MY HEART, I WAS PRAYING TO MOM FOR HELP. MOM, PLEASE PROTECT US!!


THE FOUR OF US APPROACHED THE LUNCHROOM FROM THE OUTSIDE

HUH!?

WE DO THIS THE EXACT SAME WAY WE PLAY OUR USUAL SPY GAMES!!

IT'S WEIRD. LOOK AT THE SKY; THE SUN'S ALREADY SETTING!!

WHY!?

WHAT TIME IS IT?

AH!!
AH!!

TH, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, THE SCHOOL CLOCK SAID IT WAS STILL 3 O'CLOCK!!

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO IF IT KEEPS ON GETTING DARKER!?

LOOK, THE SKY'S GRADUALLY GETTING DARKER!!

EVERYONE'S BEGINNING TO NOTICE!! THE ENTIRE SCHOOL'S GETTING NOISY!!

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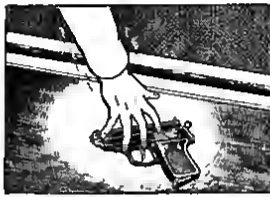
OK.

HATA-KUN AND OOKUBO-KUN, YOU TWO GO IN FROM THIS SIDE AND DRAW HIS ATTENTION!!
ITAGAKI-KUN AND I WILL CLIMB ONTO THE ROOF, AND ENTER FROM THE VENTS.

AH!!



I, IT'S A HANDGUN !!

AH!!
IT, IT'S REAL!

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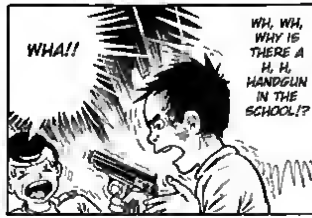
TH, THERE ARE REAL BULLETS IN HERE TOO!!


WHA!!
WH, WH, WHY IS THERE A H, H, HANDGUN IN THE SCHOOL!?

QUIT IT, IT'S DANGEROUS!!
AH!!
I, I KNOW A LOT ABOUT HANDGUNS!!
IT, IT'S REAL!!
WHAAA!!
IT'S FINE!! I'LL DEFEAT SEKIYA WITH THIS!!
HE, HE MUST HAVE HEARD THE SOUND!!

B, BUT..
OOKUBO-KUN, LET'S GO IN TOGETHER!!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF HIM ANYMORE!!
GOD GAVE ME THIS GUN!!
I'M GOING TO DEFEAT SEKIYA BY MYSELF, AND RESCUE AIKAWA-SAN!!
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING HATA-KUN!?
AH!!
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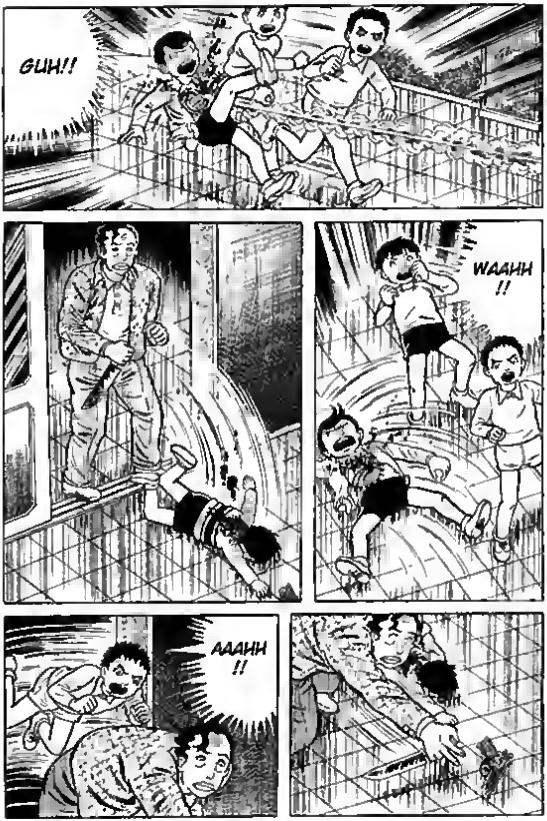
OLD MAN!! GET OUT HERE!!

MMMFF FHH!!
HEY, WHERE'S SEKIYA!?

BEHIND YOU!!
LOOK OUT, HATA-KUN, HE'S OUTSIDE!!


GUH!!
WAAHH !!
AAAHH !!

BRAT !!
ガシン
AIKAWA-SAN, HURRY!!
HURRY, AIKAWA-SAN, RUN!!
GODDAMN YOU!!
ガチャン
WAAAHH !!
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HAA, HAA...!!
I RAN LIKE CRAZY, RIGHT THROUGH THE WINDOW AND OUT OF THE SCHOOL
AND HATA-KUN AND OOKUBO-KUN..
BUT TERRIBLE THINGS HAVE HAP-PENED!! SEKIYA HAS THE GUN NOW!!
I MUST HAVE GRABBED IT SOMEHOW!!
BREAD AND MILK!
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I HURRIED BACK TO THE CLASSROOM.
NO, I CAN'T JUST EAT IT BY MYSELF!!

AH!!
EVERYONE, LOOK, I GOT SOME BREAD AND MILK!!

TAKA-MATSU-KUN!!
AIKAWA-SAN, YOU'RE SAFE!

WHAT, WHAT'S WRONG!?
T, TAKA-MATSU-KUN!!

WOOOOOH!!!

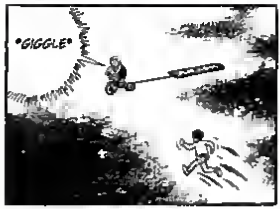
WHAT!?

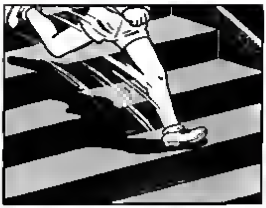
SEKIYA'S WAVING A PISTOL AROUND AND SCREAMING THAT THERE'S A PIECE OF BREAD MISSING!!
IT WAS YOU!!

HUH!?

I HOPE HE DOESN'T COME LOOKING FOR YOU!!
HE'S APPARENTLY HIDING ALL THE OTHER BREAD SOMEWHERE RIGHT NOW!!

AHAHAHAHA
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THIS BREAD ..
"GIGGLE"
HEY, THERE'S A SMALL KID ON A TRICY-CLE, DOWN ON THE FIELD!!
"GIGGLE"
"GIGGLE"
WH, WHO COULD THAT BE!?
AH!!
LET ME THROUGH !!
HUH!? COULD IT BE...!?
I'M GOING DOWN THERE!!





*"ONIICHAN" IS LITERALLY "BIG BROTHER", BUT YOUNGSTERS TO REFER TO SOMEBODY OLDER THAN YOU CAN USE THEM.

WHAT'S THIS!?

THE CHALLENGES OF CLASS 6-3

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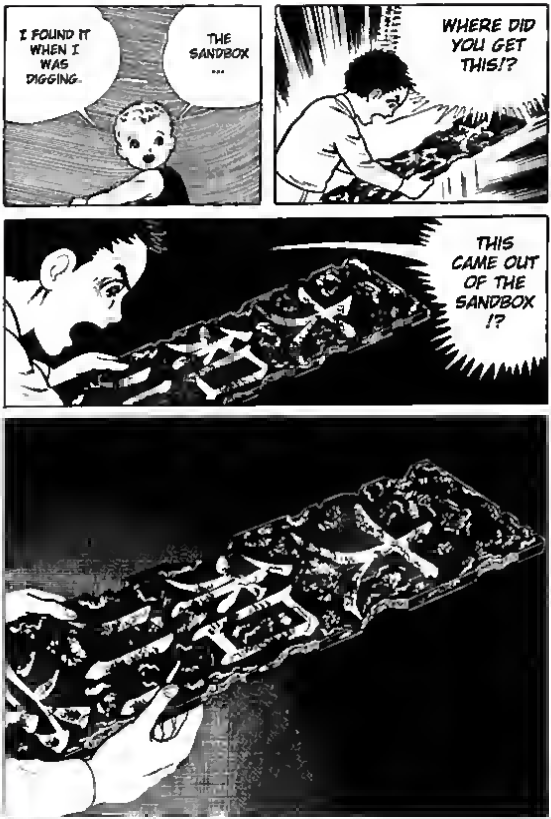
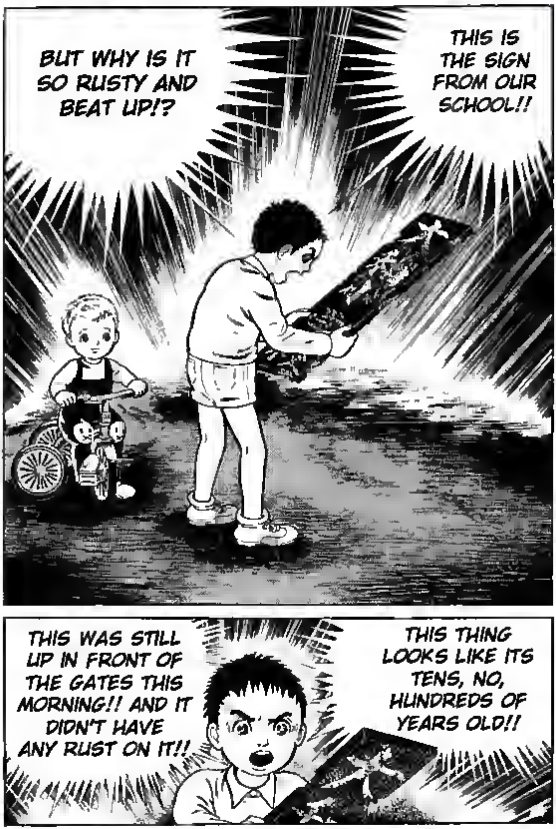
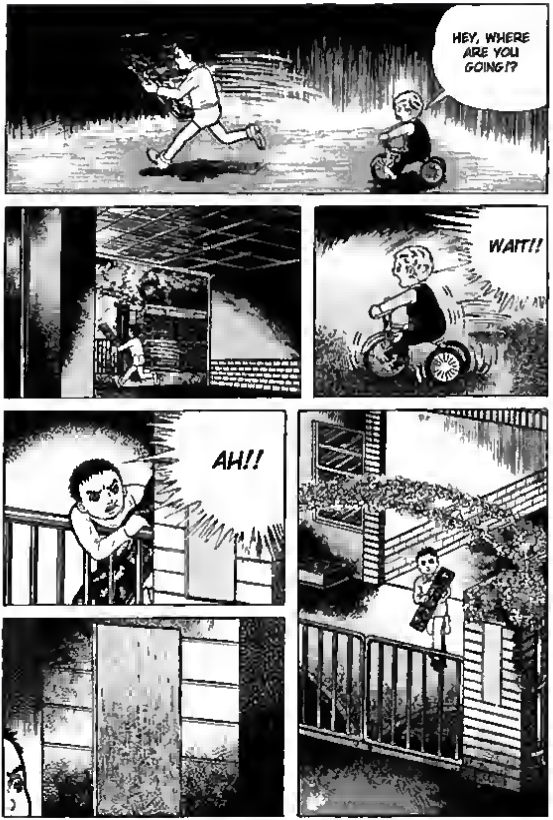
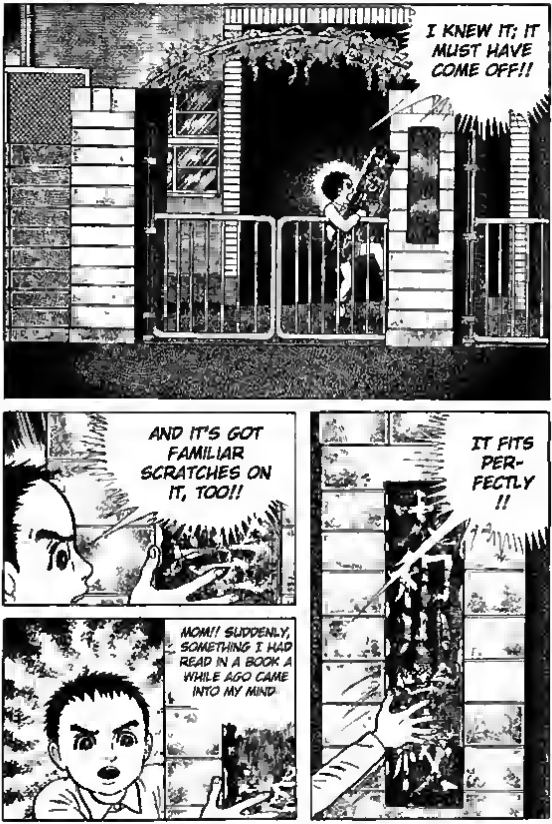
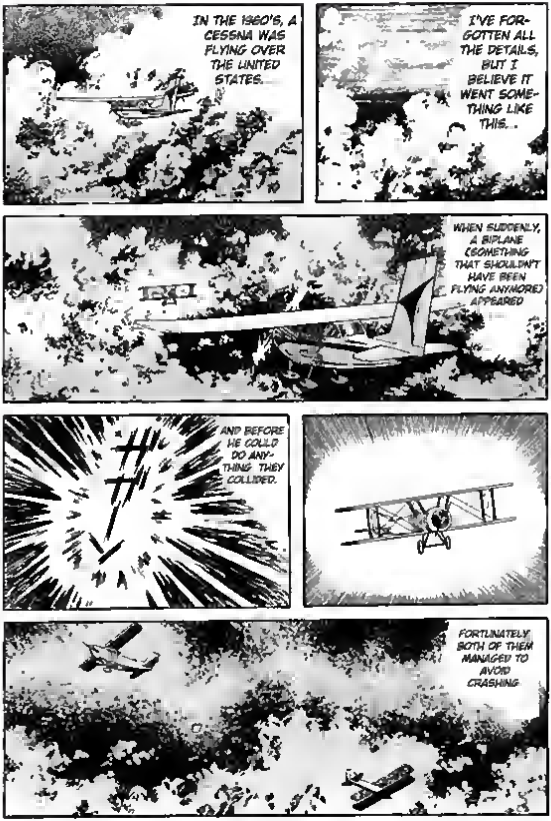
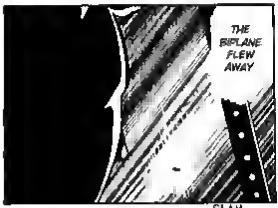

I FOUND IT WHEN I WAS DIGGING.
THE SANDBOX ...
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS!?
THIS CAME OUT OF THE SANDBOX !?


BUT WHY IS IT SO RUSTY AND BEAT UP!?
THIS IS THE SIGN FROM OUR SCHOOL!!
THIS WAS STILL UP IN FRONT OF THE GATES THIS MORNING!! AND IT DIDN'T HAVE ANY RUST ON IT!!
THIS THING LOOKS LIKE ITS TENS, NO, HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD!!


HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
WAIT!!
AH!!


I KNEW IT; IT MUST HAVE COME OFF!!
AND IT'S GOT FAMILIAR SCRATCHES ON IT, TOO!!
IT FITS PER-FECTLY !!
MOM!! SUDDENLY, SOMETHING I HAD READ IN A BOOK A WHILE AGO CAME INTO MY MIND


IN THE 1960'S, A CESSNA WAS FLYING OVER THE UNITED STATES...
I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL THE DETAILS, BUT I BELIEVE IT WENT SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
WHEN SUDDENLY, A BIPLANE (SOMETHING THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FLYING ANYMORE) APPEARED
AND BEFORE HE COULD DO ANYTHING THEY COLLIDED.
FORTUNATELY BOTH OF THEM MANAGED TO AVOID CRASHING


THE BIPLANE FLEW AWAY

WHEN THE PILOT OF THE CESSNA LOOKED BACK IN DISBELIEF

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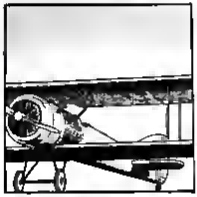
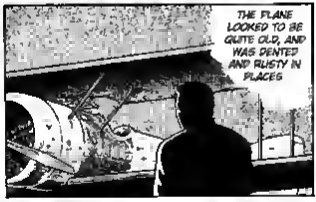


A-!

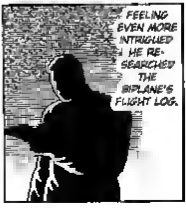
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, WE LEARNED THET THERE WAS A PLACE IN OHIO THET HAD AN OLD BIPLANE IN STORAGE, AND ON A HUNCH, WE VISITED THE PLACE.

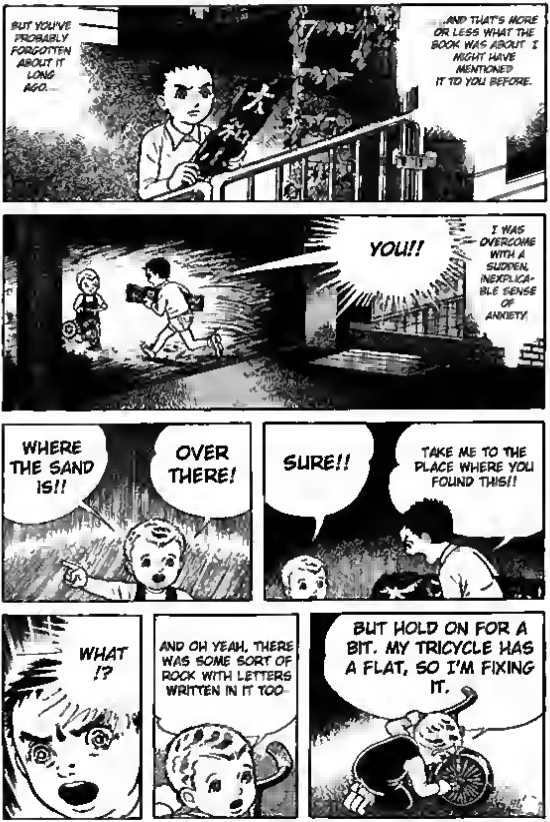
THERE WAS A MARK FROM SOME SORT OF COLLISION ON THE BODY.

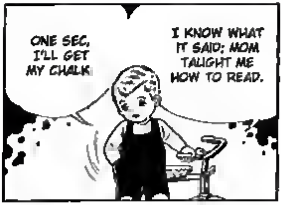

THE PLANE LOOKED TO BE QUITE OLD, AND WAS DENTED AND RUSTY IN PLACES

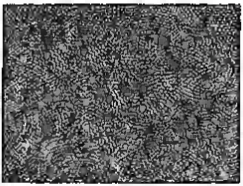
WHEN WE ARRANGED TO HAVE THE COLLISION MARK EXAMINED MORE CLOSELY, THEY DISCOVERED EMBEDDED ALUMINUM SHARDS THET HAD COME FROM HIS CESSNA!

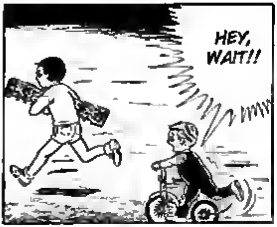
WE FOUND AN ENTRY THET SAID THAT ON A CERTAIN DAY, THE BIPLANE HAD COLLIDED MID-AIR WITH A METALLIC AIRPLANE OF A TOTALLY UNKNOWN SHAPE.


FEELING EVEN MORE INTRIGUED WE RE-SEARCHED THE BIPLANE'S FLIGHT LOG.


BUT YOU'VE PROBABLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT LONG AGO...
...AND THAT'S MORE OR LESS WHAT THE BOOK WAS ABOUT. I MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED IT TO YOU BEFORE.
YOU!!
I WAS OVERCOME WITH A SUDDEN, INEXPLICABLE SENSE OF ANXIETY.
WHERE THE SAND IS!!
OVER THERE!
SURE!!
TAKE ME TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU FOUND THIS!!
WHAT!?
AND OH YEAH, THERE WAS SOME SORT OF ROCK WITH LETTERS WRITTEN IN IT TOO.
BUT HOLD ON FOR A BIT. MY TRICYCLE HAS A FLAT, SO I'M FIXING IT.







57 *ACTUALLY THE LETTERS SAY "SLEEP" BUT I USED "REST" HERE DUE TO THE CONTEXT

HURRY !!
WAIT !!
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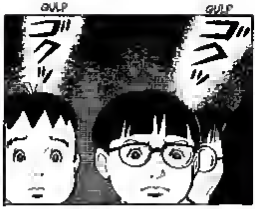
THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT PLACE!!
IT'S NOT THERE! !
HERE? OR OVER THERE?
WHERE DID YOU FIND IT!? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!!
THERE'S NOTHING HERE!!
WHERE'S THE ROCK WITH THE LETTERS!?
LIAR, YOU JUST SAID IT WAS!!
IT'S NOT IN THE SAND BOX!!

WAAHHH!!
I'M NOT A LIAR!!
IT'S NOT THE SAND BOX!! IT'S NOT HERE!!
I'M GOING HOME; MOM'S GOING TO BE WORRIED.
NO! YOU GOT MAD AT ME; I WON'T TELL YOU!!
CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE IT REALLY IS?
HEY, I'M SORRY, MY FAULT.
SEE? IT'S PITCH-BLACK ALREADY. YOU'RE GOING TO STAY AT THE SCHOOL WITH US TONIGHT.
NO, WAIT, YOU CAN'T GO HOME!
I GRABBED THE BOY, AND RAN BACK TO THE CLASSROOM.
I'M HUNGRY !!

BUT BEFORE THAT, I WANT TO GIVE THIS BOY SOME FOOD.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT ALL OF YOU TO HEAR.
OH, SHO-CHAN, WHAT HAPPENED!?
WILL EVERYBODY AGREE TO GIVE THIS FOOD TO HIM.–? HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S REALLY HUNGRY.
I KNOW YOU ALL WANT TO EAT TOO, BUT...

THIS BOY'S SMALL; LET'S GIVE IT TO THIS LITTLE BOY INSTEAD!!
HE'S RIGHT! EVEN IF EAT IT, THAT'S NOTHING ONCE WE DIVIDE AMONGST ALL OF US.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AH!!
HERE, HAVE SOME BREAD AND MILK.

AGREED!!
AGREED.

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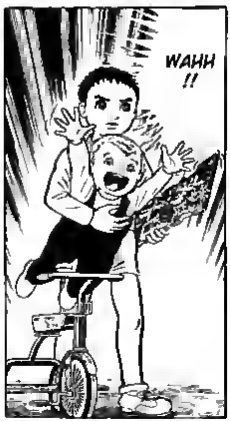
WAHH !!

GULP GULP
THANK YOU, EVERYONE.
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OH, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SPILL IT!!
YUP! I'LL STAY AT SCHOOL.
WAS IT GOOD?
AND YOU SHOULD EAT THE BREAD WHILE YOU DRINK THE MILK, TOO.
HE'S FALLEN ASLEEP.
I'M GETTING SLEEPY.
BUT WHY AREN'T THE LIGHTS ON?

I KNOW, I'LL TRY TO LIGHT MY NOTE-BOOK ON FIRE BY RUBBING THE WOOD ON OUR DESKS TOGETHER
OF COURSE NOT; WE'D GET IN TROUBLE IF WE HAD MATCHES.
DOES ANYONE HAVE MATCHES ?
IT'S PITCH-BLACK NOW; WE SHOULDN'T MOVE AROUND ANYMORE
I GOT IT!!
DID SOME-BODY GO INTO THE LUNCHROOM TO GET FOOD, AND GET ATTACKED?
THAT'S SEKIYA.
I HAD A CANDY IN MY POCKET!!
LOOK, EVERY-ONE!!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
YOU GUYS SHOULD CHECK TOO.
AH!!

I WAS GOING TO EAT THEM WITH MY FRIENDS DURING
THAT'S RIGHT, I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE BISCUITS I PUT IN MY BAG!!
LEFTOVER PEANUTS !!
A-HA!!
AND I BROUGHT SOME COOKIES TO TRADE WITH YOU, MARI-CHAN!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I THINK I BROUGHT A NEW CHOCOLATE BAR TO TRADE WITH SAE-CHAN!
AHAHAHA HAHAHA
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I DIDN'T KNOW GIRLS ATE SO MUCH BEHIND OUR BACKS!!
WOW !!
LOOK!! WE HAVE THIS MUCH FOOD WHEN WE PUT IT ALL TOGETHER!!

AND I'VE READ BEFORE THAT A WOMAN SURVIVED SEVERAL DAYS ON NOTHING BUT SOME CHOCOLATE!!
THIS'LL LAST US A BIT!!
SURROUNDED BY THESE MISERABLE CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS LITTLE BIT OF JOY CAUSED ALL OF US TO SHED TEARS AND CRY
MOM!! I FOUND OUT THAT YOU CRY WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY, TOO
SOMEONE, GIVE ME SOME MORE PAPER AND PENCILS!!
WHOO !!
I MIXED IN SOME GUNPOWDER FROM MY CRACKLING BALLS!!
I GOT THE FIRE STARTED!!
I WANT TO FIND OUT IF THIS IS THE SIGN THAT WAS HANGING ON THE GATES UNTIL THIS MORNING
LOOK, EVERY-ONE, THIS IS WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT!!
HOORAY !!

THIS IS JUST A THOUGHT, BUT—
IF THIS IS INDEED THE SIGN THAT USED TO HANG ON THE SCHOOL GATE...
MAYBE WE...

I, I'M A FIFTH-GRADER!! PLEASE, OPEN THE DOOR!!

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SEKIYA... SEKIYA GOT US!!

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WH, WHAT HAP-PENED!?

WHAT!?

HE'S GOING AROUND EACH CLASSROOM, LOOKING FOR THE CULPRIT. HE'LL EVENTUALLY COME UP HERE, TOO!!

HE SUSPECTED US OF STEALING BREAD!!

BUT RIGHT NOW, MY CLASS IS BEING ATTACKED BY SEKIYA!!
I ESCAPED ...

ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S TAKING AWAY ALL THE FOOD THAT EVERYONE HAS!!

WAAAHH !!
GYAAHH !!
CLASS 5-1
GYAH!!
I'M TELLING YOU TO GIVE IT UP!!
AHHH !!
THIS IS ALL I HAVE!! I SWEAR!!
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME!!
LOOK!! YOU DID HAVE FOOD!!
GOO

GYAH!!
SHUT UP, YOU LIAR!!
CAN'T YOU SEE THIS KNIFE!?
NOW, FUCKING BRATS, STOP HIDING IT AND GIVE IT ALL UP!!
GYAAAH!!
I'M TELLING YOU TO GIVE IT UP!!

GYAHH!!
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UHHH ...!!
WAAAAHH!!
HA, BRATS!! THAT'S RIGHT; SHRIEK!!
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MOM!!
OH, IT HURTS!!
CRY MORE!! SCREAM, WAIL!!
I BROUGHT YOU LUNCH EVERYDAY, WHILE BEING MOCKED BY NOT ONLY THE TEACHERS, BUT YOU LITTLE SHITS!!
ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN ON ME, CALLING ME "LUNCH GUY", "LUNCH GUY"!!
GYAHH!!
SAY IT!!
STARTING TODAY, I AM THE RULER OF THIS SCHOOL!! ADDRESS ME AS "SEKIYA-SAMA!!"

GYAAHH !!
SAY "SEKIYA-SAMA!!"
SEKIYA-SAMA!!
YOU DON'T MEAN IT!!
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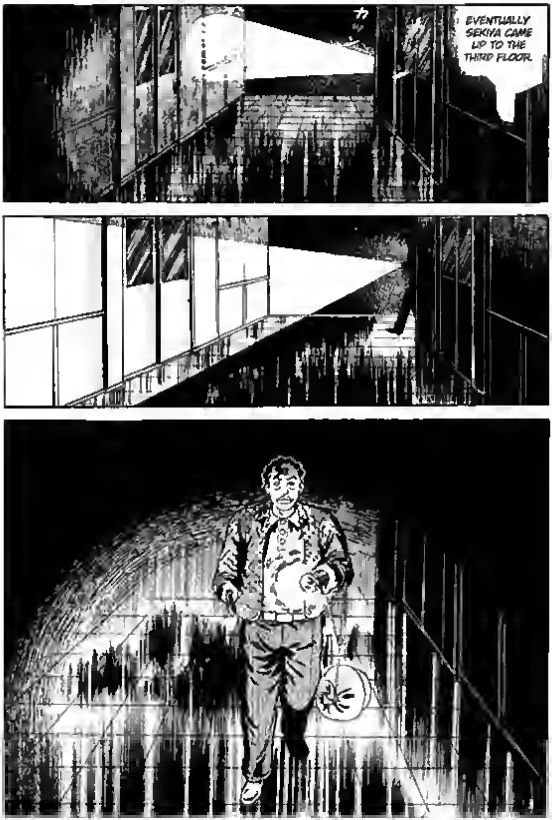
YOU FAST-TALKING BRAT!!
HMMPH !!

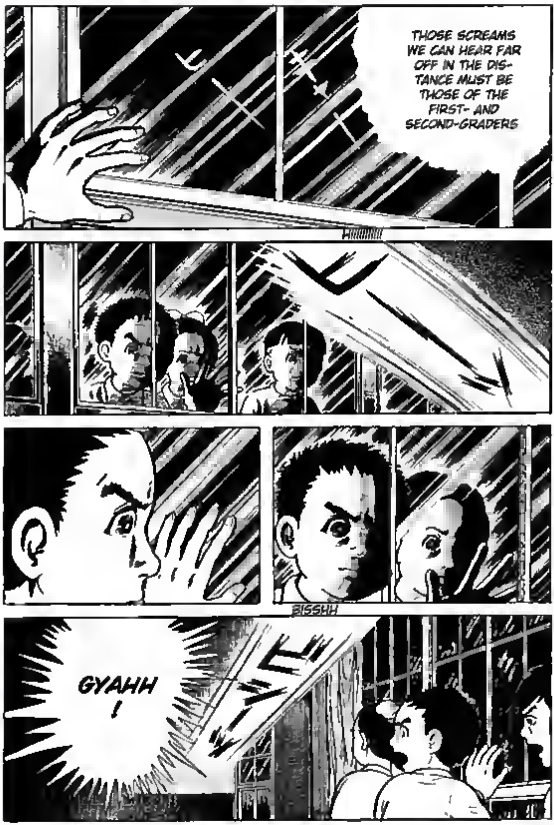
EVEN IF WE DO HAVE FOOD, IF IT'S SPLIT BETWEEN ALL OF YOU, IN THE END NO ONE'S GOING TO MAKE IT!!
YOU'RE ALL GOING TO STARVE TO DEATH!!
GYAAAHH !!
I WILL PERSEVERE, UNTIL SOMEBODY, SOMEWHERE, COMES TO RESCUE ME!!
I, AND I ALONE WILL SURVIVE!!
HAHA HAHA !!

HAHAHAHA
SEKIYA'S LAUGHTER EVEN RESONATED UP TO OUR CLASSROOM!!
HAHAHAHA
SHO-CHAN, YOU SHOULD RUN. HE'S GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR YOU!!
AND I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THIS BOY!!
I CAN'T STAND TO CAUSE YOU GUYS HARM!!
NO, I WON'T RUN!!

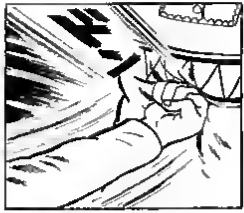

EVENTUALLY SEKIYA CAME UP TO THE THIRD FLOOR.

WHERE'S THE BRAT WHO STOLE THE BREAD!?
OPEN UP!!

GYAAH
GYAAH
OUR CLASSROOM'S NEXT! OR IS HE GOING TO GO BACK IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!?
HE'S GONE INTO THE CLASS-ROOM NEXT TO OURS!!
WHAT, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO!?
IT WAS PITCH-BLACK OUTSIDE
MOM...I DISCOVERED HOW TERRIFYING TRUE DARKNESS WAS.
THERE WAS NO MOON OR ANY-THING


THOSE SCREAMS WE CAN HEAR FAR OFF IN THE DISTANCE MUST BE THOSE OF THE FIRST- AND SECOND-GRADERS
BISSHH
GYAHH!

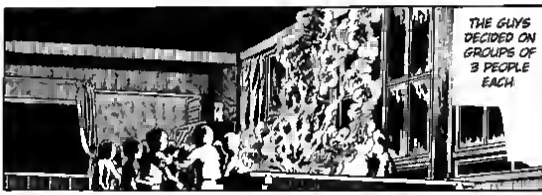
I'M AFRAID!! I'M AFRAID OF THE DARK!!
I'M SCARED !!
KYAAAAAAAH
GYAAAAAHH
MARI-CHAN!!
MARI-CHAN!!
I'M SCARED, I'M SCARED!!

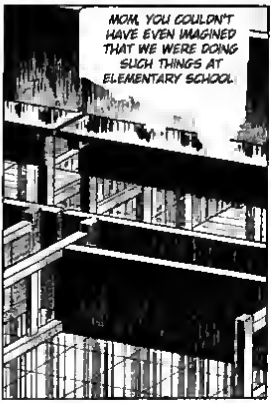


IF US SIXTH-GRADERS* DON'T DO THIS, THEN NO ONE CAN STOP HIM FROM GETTING AT THE YOUNGER GRADES!!
AND THEN WE HIDE BEHIND THE DOOR, AND WHEN SEKIYA COMES IN, WE JUMP HIM!!

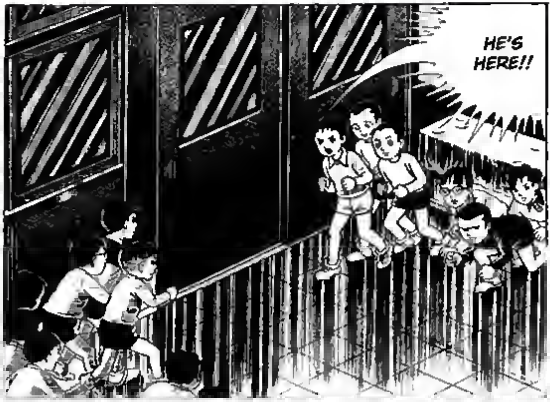
*IN SOME REGIONS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOES UP TO 7TH GRADE, BUT IN JAPAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONLY GOES UP TO 6TH GRADE.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN WIN!!
IF THE FIRST GROUP IS BEATEN, THEN THE NEXT 3 GUYS, WHO'LL BE ON STANDBY, WILL JUMP HIM IMMEDIATELY!!


THE GUYS DECIDED ON GROUPS OF 3 PEOPLE EACH

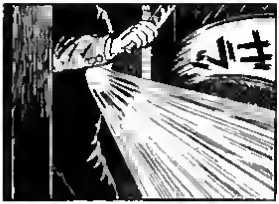

MOM, YOU COULDN'T HAVE EVEN IMAGINED THAT WE WERE DOING SUCH THINGS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE GIRLS STACKED DESKS TO CREATE BARRICADES


HE'S HERE!!

IF THE BOYS LOSE, THEN WE HAVE TO FIGHT!!

RIGHT ...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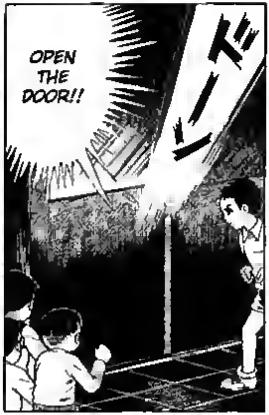
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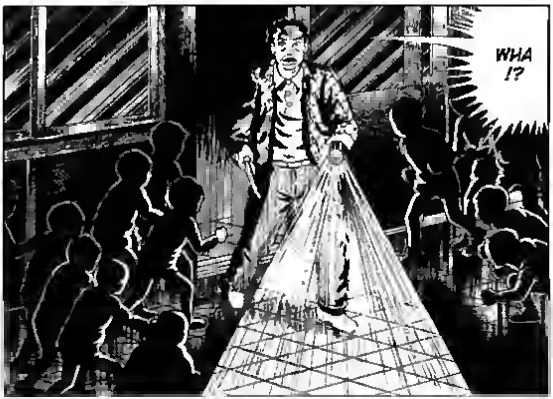
OPEN THE DOOR!!

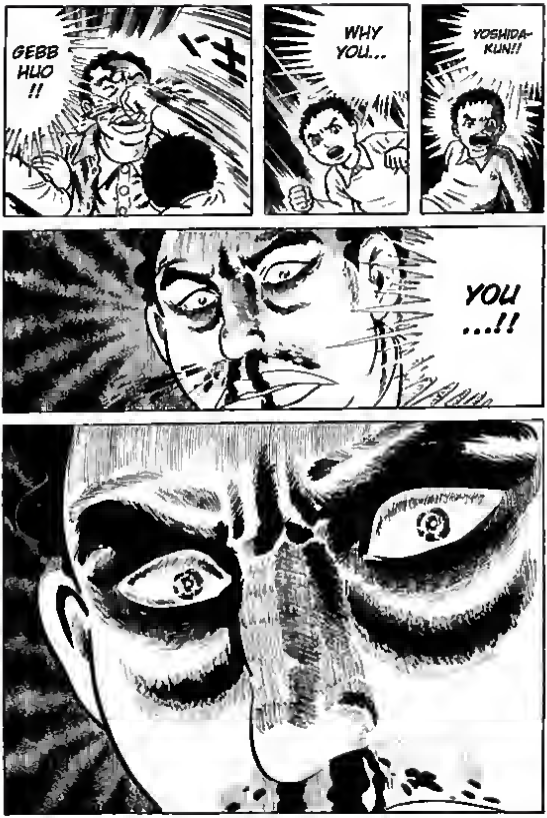

WHA !?

AH!!

GET HIM!!

LET GO OF ME!!
WHA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
KYAA !!
WAHH !!

2 MORE!!
3 MORE SHOTS!!
UGH !!
AAH !!
NEXT GUY, HURRY!!
MOM ...


GEBB HUO !!
WHY YOU...
YOSHIDA-KUN!!
YOU ...!!

FUCKING MAGGOTS !!
I'LL SLAUGHTER ALL OF YOU!!
YOU LITTLE SHIT !!
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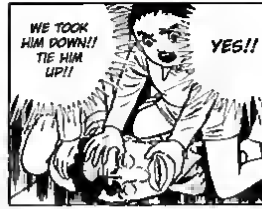
GET HIM!!
WE WON'T JUST FALL OVER!!

WE TIED UP SEKIYA USING SOME ROPE THAT HAD BEEN SITTING IN THE CLASSROOM.

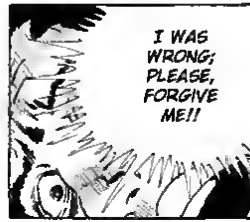

WE TOOK HIM DOWN!! TIE HIM UP!!
YES!!

LET'S KILL HIM!!

TH, THERE'S ANOTHER ROUND LEFT IN THE GUN!!

PLEASE, FORGIVE ME!!

I WON'T!!


I WAS WRONG; PLEASE, FORGIVE ME!!

WAAAAAHH !!
THIS ROUND WAS SAVED FOR YOU!!
PLEASE, SPARE ME...!!
I BEG FORGIVE-NESS!!
PLEASE, DON'T SHOOT ME!!
I... IKEGAKI-KUN!!
HEEEEEEE !!
I WANTED TO BE RESCUED!! I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE!!

I MISSED !!
SHIT !!
UHHH ...!!
THESE ARE SNACKS HE MUST HAVE TAKEN FROM THE OTHER CLASSES
Y YEAH
YOSHIDA-KUN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?

USE A PENCIL SHARPENER TO SHAVE FLESH FROM ALL OVER HIS BODY!!
THAT'S WAY TOO SOFT!!
DAMMIT, WE SHOULD ALL STAB HIM ONCE WITH A PENCIL!!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE CAN FINALLY HAVE LUNCH NOW!!
NOW WAIT A MINUTE!! IF WE DID THAT, THEN WE WOULDN'T BE ANY DIFFERENT FROM SEKIYA!!
THE FOOD MUST BE HIDDEN IN THERE!!
LOOK, SEKIYA HAD THE KEY FOR THE STORAGE ROOM IN HIS POCKET!!
HOORAY !!
THAT'S RIGHT, LUNCH!!
AH !!!
SHUT UP!!
GIVE IT BACK, THE BREAD'S MINE!!
THAT'S, THAT'S MINE!!

GUH!!
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SHUT UP!!

PLEASE, HELP ME!!

WE RAN DOWN TO THE LUNCH-ROOM.

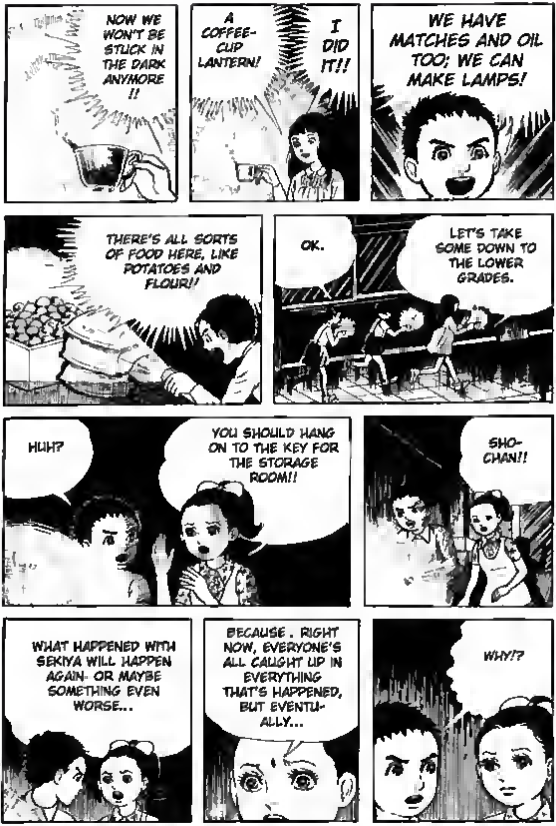
HMPH, WE'LL GIVE YOU THE SAME THING AS EVERY-BODY ELSE.

HELP ME!!

HOORAY!!

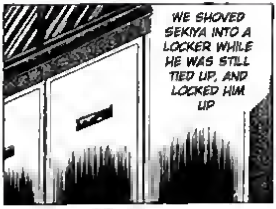
TELL THE OTHER CLASSES TOO!!

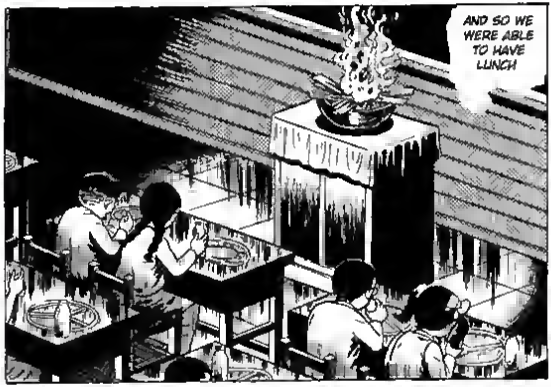
I KNEW IT!! IT'S HERE!!


NOW WE WON'T BE STUCK IN THE DARK ANYMORE !!
A COFFEE-CUP LANTERN!
I DID IT!!
WE HAVE MATCHES AND OIL TOO; WE CAN MAKE LAMPS!
THERE'S ALL SORTS OF FOOD HERE, LIKE POTATOES AND FLOUR!!
OK.
LET'S TAKE SOME DOWN TO THE LOWER GRADES.
HUH?
YOU SHOULD HANG ON TO THE KEY FOR THE STORAGE ROOM!!
SHO-CHAN!!
WHAT HAPPENED WITH SEKIYA WILL HAPPEN AGAIN- OR MAYBE SOMETHING EVEN WORSE...
BECAUSE . RIGHT NOW, EVERYONE'S ALL CAUGHT UP IN EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED, BUT EVENTU-ALLY...
WHY!?

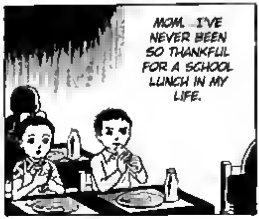
NO, I CAN'T SAY IT!! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE!!
YES, LIKE WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE WAR, WHEN SOLDIERS STRANDED IN NEW GUINEA WERE OVERCOME WITH HUNGER...
SOMETHING EVEN WORSE!?
WE HAVE TO HANG ON!! WHATEVER HAPPENS, WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT HOW ALL OF US CAN MAKE IT OUT OF HERE!!
SAKIPPE!!
THE TEACHERS HAD ALL BEEN BEATEN AND TIED UP BY SEKIYA
WE WENT INTO THE STAFF ROOM
THE TEACHER WAS ONLY SEMI-CONSCIOUS, AND LOOKED LIKE HER SOUL HAD LEFT HER.
THE FIRST-GRADERS MOBBED THEIR TEACHER AND CRIED

GIVE ME BACK MY BREAD!!
LET ME OUT!!

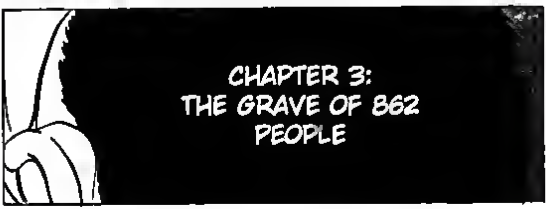

WE SHOVED SEKIYA INTO A LOCKER WHILE HE WAS STILL TIED UP, AND LOCKED HIM UP.


AND SO WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE LUNCH

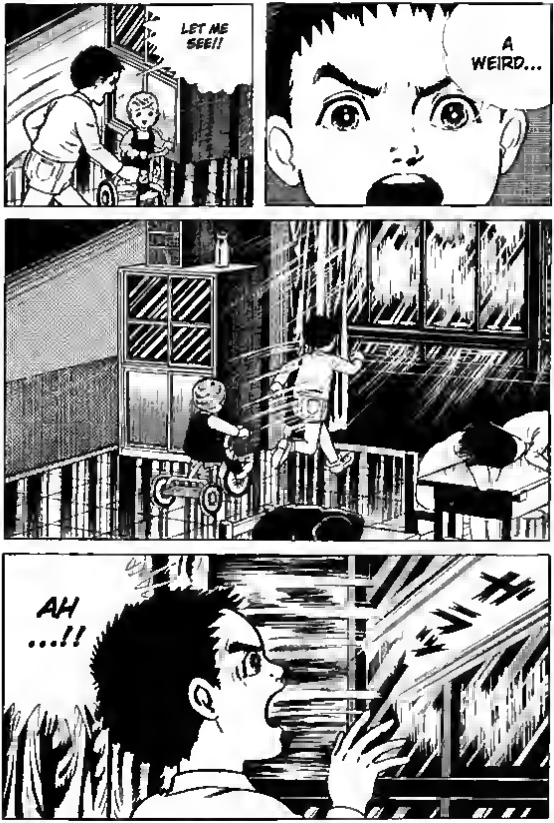
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR NEVER APPRECIATING ALL THOSE MEALS YOU COOKED FOR ME!!


MOM, I'VE NEVER BEEN SO THANKFUL FOR A SCHOOL LUNCH IN MY LIFE.

AS SOON AS WE FINISHED EATING, WE WERE SUDDENLY OVERCOME WITH SLEEPINESS.


CHAPTER 3:
THE GRAVE OF 862 PEOPLE

CLANG CLANG!!
ROOOAR!!
HEY, MORNING !!
HUH!?
THE SUN'S COME UP; BUT IT'S A REALLY WEIRD SUN
YU-CHAN'S WOKE UP A LONG TIME AGO.


LET ME SEE!!
A WEIRD...
AH ...!!

A SOLAR ECLIPSE !!
A SOLAR ECLIPSE !?
A SOLAR ECLIPSE; IT'S CLOUDY, SO YOU CAN SEE IT WELL EVEN WITH THE NAKED EYE!!
WHA, WHAT HAPPENED!?
HEY, EVERYONE, WAKE UP!!
LIKE, WAY OFF INTO THE FUTURE.. TODAY ISN'T THE DAY THE ECLIPSE IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN.
BUT DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS STRANGE? BECAUSE, DIDN'T WE LEARN IN SCIENCE CLASS THAT A SOLAR ECLIPSE WOULDN'T HAPPEN AROUND HERE FOR A VERY LONG TIME..?
AH!!
THIS IS JUST AN IDEA I HAD, BUT MAYBE..
I KNEW IT!!
TH, THEN, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...!!
!!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? I DON'T GET IT!!
WHAT!?
MAYBE IT WAS US THAT SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED!!
IT WASN'T THAT EVERYTHING OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED!!
BECAUSE IF WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT, THEN WE MIGHT BE IN A FAR WORSE SITUATION THAN IF NUCLEAR BOMBS HAD GONE OFF!!
BUT I REALLY DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT...
TAKAMATSU-KUN, I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT... YOU HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT BETTER!!
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THIS WAY, EVERYONE
THAT WAY, WE'RE BOUND TO DISCOVER SOMETHING
IN ANY CASE, I SAY LET'S GO CHECK OUT THE PLACE
SURE.
YU-CHAN, CAN YOU TAKE US TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU FOUND THIS? IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.

IT'S IN THE SANDBOX.
HUH...? THIS IS THE REAR GATE
SHH!!
BUT THE SANDBOX IS HERE...
AH!!
FROM HERE, I GET OFF MY TRICYCLE AND PUSH IT.
IT'S DANGEROUS!!
WH, WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

WHAT!?
THIS IS THE SANDBOX I WAS TALKING ABOUT. I WAS PLAYING HERE ALL DAY YESTERDAY!
WHY ISN'T EVERYBODY COMING?
YUP, SEE? THERE IT IS!
ALL DAY...!!
THERE'S LOTS OF WRITING ON IT, TOO.
SHO-CHAN!!

大和小学校の
862人の霊ここに
ねむる
"THE SPIRITS OF THE 842 PEOPLE OF YAMATO ELEMENTARY SLEEP HERE!!"

SHO-CHAN, WHAT HAP-PENED!?
IT'S TALKING ABOUT US!!
THE SPIRITS OF 842 PEOPLE ...!?
THEN WHY DID MY BROTHER TAKESHI DIE!?
EVERY-ONE'S FINE, EVEN WHEN THEY STEP OUT OF THE SCHOOL!?
IT'S OK FOR EVERYONE TO STEP OUT!?
TAKESHI !!

LOOK, EVERY-ONE!!
WHAT!?
WE'VE COME TO THE FUTURE!!

THE "SPIRITS OF 862 PEOPLE" REFERS TO US!!
大和小学校の
862人の
DIG DEEPER, SO WE CAN FIND OUT FOR SURE!!
IMPOSSIBLE!! THAT CAN'T BE!!
AH!!
LOOK !!
THIS SIGN USED TO SIT IN HERE!!

THE NAMES OF ALL OF THE STUDENTS HERE ARE CARVED ON THIS THING!!
EVERYONE'S NAME IS ON HERE!!
THE PRINCIPAL'S NAME, TOO...
HEY, MY NAME'S ON THERE TOO!!
TAKAMATSU SHO.. THAT'S MY NAME!!
THE FUTURE!?
I KNEW IT; WE'VE WANDERED INTO THE FUTURE!!
WAAAHHH!!

MOM!!
MOM!!
WE ALL BEGAN TO RUN IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF OUR HOUSES.
MOOOOM !!
DAD!!
MOM!!

I RUN 500 METERS, AND THEN TURN LEFT!!
MY HOUSE IS THIS WAY!!
THE CLOCK STORE IS AROUND HERE, AND THEN THERE'S A FENCE...
THERE WAS A GATE HERE!!
MY HOUSE IS SUP-POSED TO BE HERE!!
THIS IS IT!!

MOM!!
DAD!!
WAAAHH
!!
WHAT'S
HAP-
PENED
!?

I'M SCAAARED !!
I'M SCARED !!
THE SUN ...!!
KYAAHH !!
IT'LL GET BRIGHT AGAIN IN NO TIME; WHY WON'T YOU UNDER-STAND!?
SETTLE DOWN! THAT'S A SOLAR ECLIPSE!!
THE SOLAR ECLIPSE SHOULDN'T BE HAP-PENING TODAY!!
IMPOSSI-BLE; THE WORLD'S GONE MAD!!

GONE MAD...!!
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
AHAHAH
PRINCIPAL !!

PRINCIPAL ...!!
KKKK ...!!
UHUHU HAHA HAHA!!
I CAN NO LONGER TAKE THIS!!
FAREWELL, EVERY-ONE!!
SLASH
WHA...!!

THUD
EVERY-BODY, PLEASE!!
PLEASE, RESTRAIN ME SO THAT I CANNOT MOVE!!
TIE ME DOWN!!

IF YOU DON'T, I'LL...!
PLEASE!!
WHAT'S WRONG!?
WAKARAHA-SENSEI! YOU TOO!?
HURRY!!
HURRY!!
TIE ME TO THIS TREE!!
NO... IT'S TOO LATE!!

WAKA-HARA-SENSEI !!
YES, I'M FINE NOW.
LET'S GO BACK INSIDE!
HERE, HANG ON TO ME
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT !?
GUH !!

I TOLD YOU TO TIE ME DOWN...
THUD
HE, HE'S DEAD!!
WHAT THE...!?
W, WAKA-HARA-SENSEI!! WHAT HAP-PENED?
AH!!

IT'S NOT HERE!!
DAD !!
MOM!!
WHERE HAVE MOM AND EVERYBODY ELSE GONE!?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I DIG, THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF MY HOUSE!!
SAKIPPE!
EVENTUALLY, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RETURN TO THE SCHOOL
WAAAHH !!
IF WE HAD HELPED HIM, HE MIGHT NOT HAVE DIED!!
MY BROTHER...HE MUST HAVE FELT ILL, AND COLLAPSED WHEN HE TRIED TO GO HOME!
SAKI-CHAN!!

WHAT!?
THE TEACHERS... THEY'RE ALL DEAD!!
WHAT'S WRONG!?
WAAAAH!!
AH!!
SENSEI!!
I, I DON'T KNOW!
WHY!?
THANK GOD, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!!
WAKA-HARA-SENSEI!!

AH!!

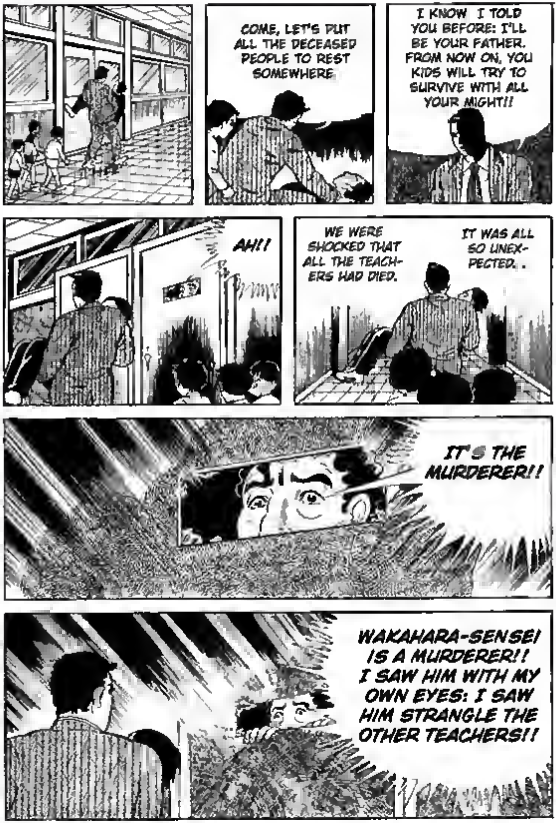
WHAT, WHAT HAP-PENED!?

I FOUND HIM DEAD, HE HAD HUNG HIMSELF... I MANAGED TO GET HIM DOWN, BUT THE ROPE'S TIED SO TIGHTLY THAT I CAN'T TAKE IT OFF

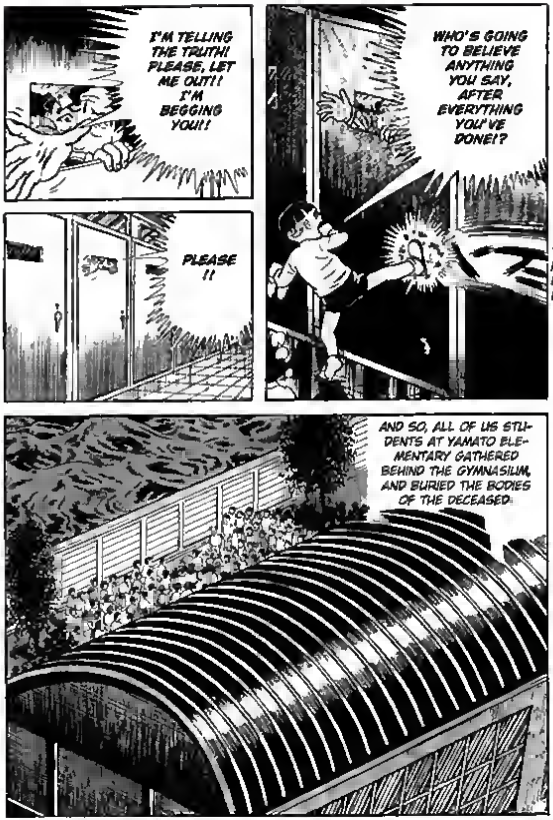
WH, WHY HAS THIS HAPPENED TO ALL THE TEACHERS!?

HUH!?
WHY? SIMPLE... THEY WENT MAD...
THEY COULDN'T HELP THEM-SELVES...
THE DISCREP-ANCIES BETWEEN REALITY AND COMMON SENSE GOT TO THEM.
TAKAMATSU, YOU'VE HURT YOUR HAND!
AH!!
I MUST HAVE DONE IT WHILE I WAS DIGGING THE GROUND WHERE MY HOUSE USED TO BE.

HERE, I'LL BANDAGE IT UP.
NO MATTER WHERE I LOOK, THERE'S ONLY SAND!!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT WHERE OUR HOUSES USED TO BE!!
HEY, WAKA-HARA-SENSEI!!
TAKA-MATSU-KUN!
THERE WE GO.
HWW ....!!
YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WE CAN RELY ON!!
SEN-SEI!
UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS. I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT.
...DIED!?
AND, AND, IS IT TRUE THAT ALL THE TEACH-ERS...


COME, LET'S PUT ALL THE DECEASED PEOPLE TO REST SOMEWHERE.
I KNOW I TOLD YOU BEFORE: I'LL BE YOUR FATHER. FROM NOW ON, YOU KIDS WILL TRY TO SURVIVE WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!!
AH!!
WE WERE SHOCKED THAT ALL THE TEACHERS HAD DIED.
IT WAS ALL SO UNEXPECTED. .
IT'S THE MURDERER!!
WAKAHARA-SENSEI IS A MURDERER!! I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES: I SAW HIM STRANGLE THE OTHER TEACHERS!!

IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL ALL BE KILLED!!
HURRY, RESTRAIN WAKAHARA-SENSEI!!
IF YOU DON'T, HE'LL KILL ME NEXT!!
PLEASE, LET ME OUT OF HERE! LET ME FLEE!!
HEH, YOU'RE SPEWING A BUNCH OF LIES, BECAUSE YOU'RE DESPERATE TO BE LET OUT!!
I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE MAN; PLEASE, LET ME OUT!!


I'M TELLING THE TRUTH! PLEASE, LET ME OUT!! I'M BEGGING YOU!!
PLEASE !!
WHO'S GOING TO BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY, AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE!?
THUD
AND SO, ALL OF US STUDENTS AT YAMATO ELEMENTARY GATHERED BEHIND THE GYMNASIUM, AND BURIED THE BODIES OF THE DECEASED.

CHAPTER 4
THE JOURNEY OF DEATH
GOOD BYE, HATA-KUN...

NONE OF US WILL FORGET ABOUT YOU!!
HERE, THIS IS YOUR BAG.

UHHH
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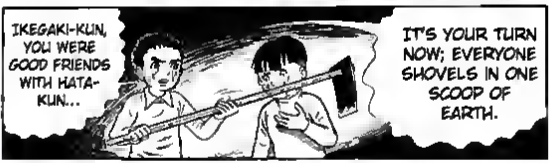
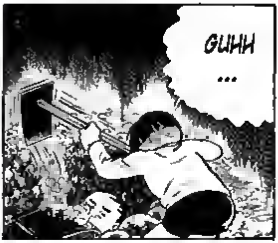

IKEGAKI-KUN, YOU WERE GOOD FRIENDS WITH HATA-KUN...
IT'S YOUR TURN NOW; EVERYONE SHOVELS IN ONE SCOOP OF EARTH.


GUHH
...

YOU DIED AT SCHOOL, SO I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO GIVE YOU... I'M SORRY...
GOODBYE, HATA-KUN ...

WE DUG GRAVES FOR OUR TEACHERS, CLASSMATES, AND SAKIPPE'S BROTHER TAKESHI-KUN.
WAHH ...!!
TAKESHI-CHAN!!
WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY INCENSE TO BURN AT THE SCHOOL, THOUGH, SO WE USED SOME CIGARETTES WE FOUND IN THE TEACHER'S LOUNGE INSTEAD.
PLEASE WATCH OVER US, WHEREVER WE MAY GO
LET US ALL PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WE HAVE LOST.

SENSEI!!
YAMAMOTO-SAN!!
OHKUBO-KUN!!
HATAKUN!!!
UHH....!!
OHH....!!
AFTER CHECKING THE ENTIRE SCHOOL, I'VE FOUND THAT WE HAVE A BIT OF WATER THAT'S LEFT IN THE STORAGE TANKS, AND WE HAVE NEXT TO NO FOOD
NOW, WE CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS FOR LONG. WE HAVE BARELY ANY FOOD OR WATER, AND NOBODY'S COMING TO RESCUE US EITHER. UNLESS WE ACT, WE WILL INEVITABLY STARVE TO DEATH
I WILL TAKE 5 REPRESENTATIVES WITH ME.
FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE SEVERAL AUTOMOBILES AT OUR DISPOSAL. WE WILL TAKE ONE OF THEM AND SEARCH THE SURROUNDING AREA
I THINK WE SHOULD VENTURE OUT AND EXPLORE THE AREA WHILE WE STILL HAVE THE STRENGTH
VRRR
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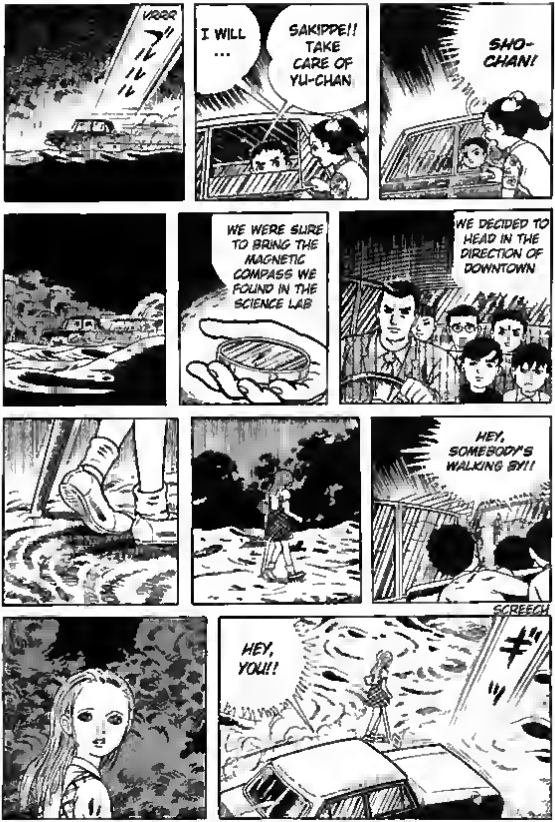
AND SO, A GROUP OF US SIXTH-GRADE REPRESENTATIVES WENT OUT ON AN EXPEDITION.
I'LL GO.


VROOM
I WILL ...
SAKIPPE!! TAKE CARE OF YU-CHAN
SHO-CHAN!
WE WERE SURE TO BRING THE MAGNETIC COMPASS WE FOUND IN THE SCIENCE LAB
WE DECIDED TO HEAD IN THE DIRECTION OF DOWNTOWN
HEY, SOMEBODY'S WALKING BY!!
SCREECH
HEY, YOU!!

WHAT !?
I'M NISHI AYUMI FROM THE FIFTH GRADE I'M WALKING TO NAGANO

HEY!! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
!?

I HAVE A BAD LEG, AND I CAN'T DO THE THINGS NORMAL PEOPLE CAN, SO I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS...

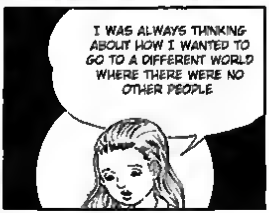
YES, IT'S FROM WHEN I FELL AND DAMAGED MY SPINE WHEN I WAS LITTLE

BUT, YOU HAVE A BAD LEG!!

AND THEY LAUGH AT THE WAY I WALK.
THE OTHER KIDS DON'T WANT TO PLAY WITH ME...

I ALWAYS HOLD PEOPLE BACK WHEN I DO SOMETHING WITH THEM.

I SENSED A VERY PECULIAR FEELING INSIDE OF ME.
AND THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, I FOUND MYSELF IN THIS WORLD


I WAS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT HOW I WANTED TO GO TO A DIFFERENT WORLD WHERE THERE WERE NO OTHER PEOPLE

IF I HANG AROUND, I KNOW THAT I'M GOING TO BE A BURDEN ON EVERYBODY ELSE...
HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY HERE EITHER...
THEN, I WAS ADOPTED BY MY UNCLE WHO LIVED IN TOKYO.
I WAS BORN IN NAGANO. BUT BOTH OF MY PARENTS DIED SOON AFTER I WAS BORN.
IF I MAKE IT TO NAGANO, I'LL BE SURE TO COME BACK TO HELP EVERYBODY... I PROMISE!!
I ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY GOING TO NAGANO... I THINK THAT THERE'S STILL A LOT OF NATURE IN NAGANO, AND LOTS OF PEOPLE TOO.
BUT LATELY, MY UNCLE, TOO, THINKS THAT HE WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE ME AROUND
VRRR...
COME ON, GET IN!!
SLAM
OH!?
DON'T BE STUPID!! YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!!

WHAT THE ...!?
NO MATTER HOW FAR WE WENT, ALL WE COULD SEE WAS MILES OF DESERT IN ALL DIRECTIONS
SENSEI, AREN'T WE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!?
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG!
AH!!
AH!! SENSEI, WE'RE HEADED FOR ARAKAWA*! I USED TO GO PLAY THERE ALL THE TIME...

*"KAWA" = RIVER

NOT A SINGLE DROP!!
BUT THERE'S NO WATER HERE!!

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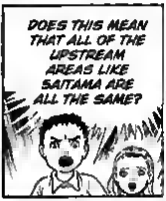
I KNEW IT!! THIS IS ARAKAWA!!

AH ... !!


DOES THIS MEAN THAT ALL OF THE UPSTREAM AREAS LIKE SAITAMA ARE ALL THE SAME?

THE RIVER MUST HAVE DRIED UP!!

LOOK! THAT USED TO BE A BRIDGE, DIDN'T IT!?

WE'VE SOMEHOW WANDERED INTO THE FUTURE, WHERE THE EARTH IS ON THE VERGE OF DYING!!

IT IS!! THE BRIDGE HAS BROKEN DOWN INTO DIRT!!

YEAH, THIS IS MADE OF PLASTIC!
HEY!! THIS IS A FAKE!!
REALLY!?
LOOK! A FLOWER!
WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE HAS TURNED TO SAND!
LOOK! THERE'S PLASTIC AND POLYETHYLENE ALL OVER THE PLACE...
HEY, ANDOH-KUN!!
THAT'S WEIRD, WHERE DID HE GO...? I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE!
AND WHEN YOU DO BURN THEM, THEY EMIT TOXIC GASES.
THAT'S RIGHT; THOSE THINGS WILL NEVER BE BROKEN DOWN, UNLESS YOU BURN THEM...
ANDOH-KUN FROM DIVISION 1 ISN'T HERE!!
HEY!!

ANDOH-KUN!!
AH ...!!
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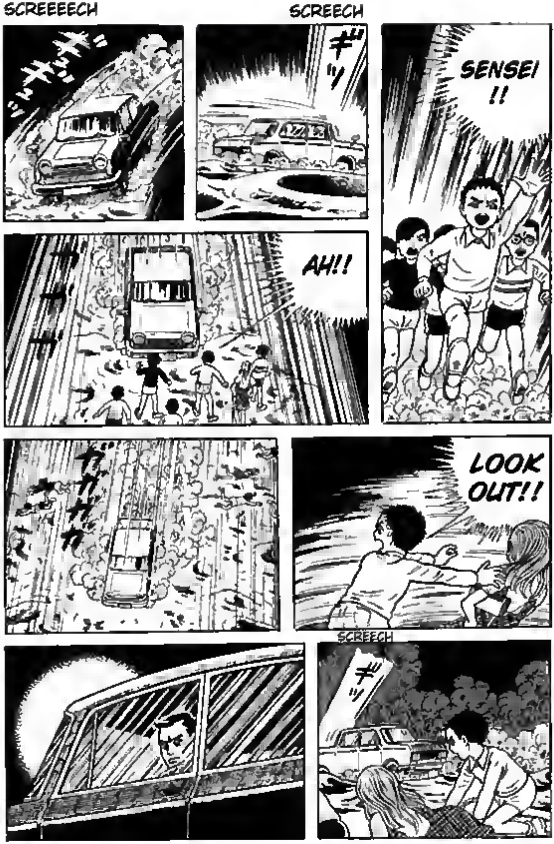
HANG ON; I'LL GET THIS THING OFF RIGHT NOW!!
UHH ....!!
WHA ...!?
WHA, WHAT HAPPENED!?
ANDOH-KUN!?

WHAT!?
IT WAS WAKAHARA-SENSEI!! I WAS CROUCHED DOWN, WHEN WAKAHARA-SENSEI SUDDENLY TOOK SOME PLASTIC THAT WAS BURIED IN THE GROUND, AND
"PANT" ... "GASP"
WHO WRAPPED PLASTIC AROUND HIS FACE!?
AH!!
SENSEI ...!?
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
WAKAHARA-SENSEI'S... HE'S... HE'S GONE MAD!!

SLAM
AH!!
VROOM
SENSEI!!
HE, HE'S GOING TO ABANDON US HERE!!
AHH, SENSEI!!!


SCREEEECH
SCREECH
SENSEI !!
AH!!
LOOK OUT!!
SCREECH

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HE, HE'S BACKING UP!!
HE'S TRYING TO RUN US OVER!!
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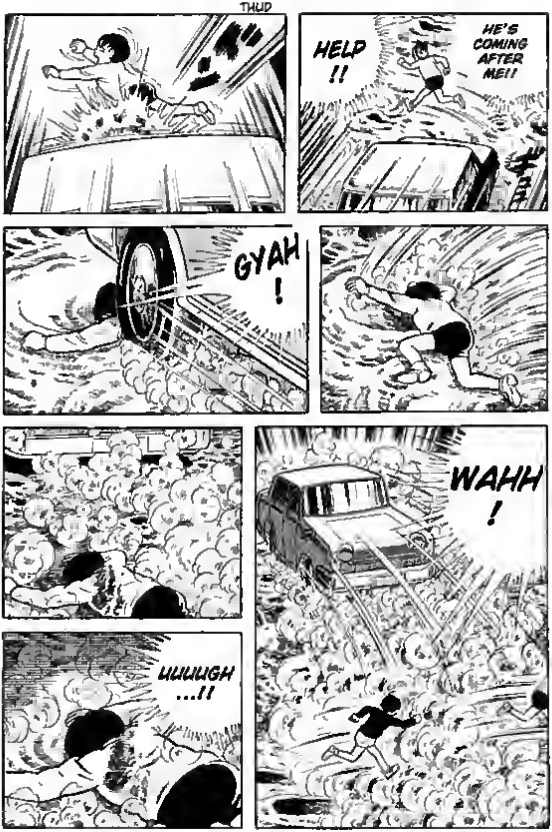
WAAHH !!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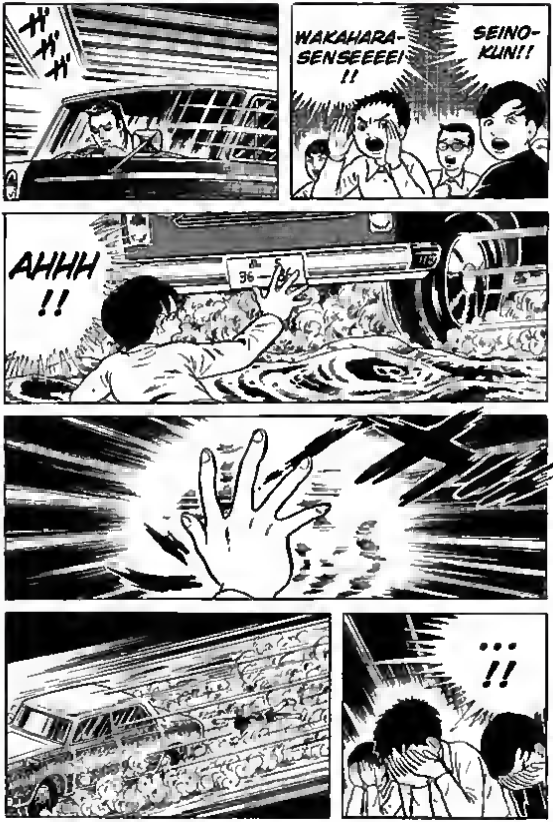
HELP !!
HE'S COMING AFTER ME!!
GYAH !
WAHH !
UUUUIGH ...!!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WAKAHARA-SENSEEEEI!!
SEINO-KUN!!
AHHH!!
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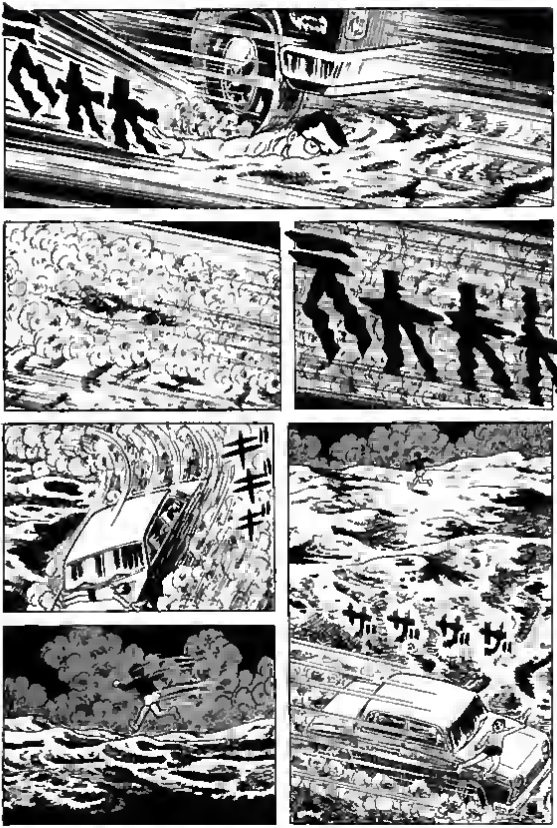
EVERY-
ONE...
R,
RUN!!
AH!!
G,
GUYS,
LEND
ME A
HAND!!
H,
HURRY
!!
NISHI-
SAN!!
WE RAN
FRANTICALLY
FOR
SEVERAL
HOURS.

HE MIGHT BE LOOKING AT US USING THE BINOCULARS FROM THE SCIENCE LAB!!
WE, WE CAN'T STOP... WE HAVE TO HURRY, OR HE'LL CATCH UP TO US!!
PANT GASP
HEY, GUYS!!
HEY!!
W, WAIT!!
HEEEY !!
PLEASE !!
PLEASE, JUST LEAVE ME HERE AND RUN!
THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS! I ALWAYS CAUSE TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE ELSE!

IF YOU HAVE TIME THE ENERGY TO TALK, WHY DON'T HURRY UP AND WALK!!
SLAP
SHUT UP!!
HURRY, WE HAVE TO CATCH UP TO EVERYONE ELSE!!
I'M SORRY.
GYAAAH!!
...!!
IT'S THE GUYS WHO WENT AHEAD OF US!!

THUD
SCREECH
THUD
WAHH
!!

AHH ...!!
HELP !!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VRRRRRRR
クオオオ
NAGATA-KUN IS A FAST RUNNER...!!
RUN, GET OUT OF HERE WHILE HE'S AFTER NAGATA-KUN!!
IF WE GO THERE, WE'LL....
HE WAS WAITING TO AMBUSH US!!
IT'S NO GOOD, LOOK AT ALL THESE FOOTSTEPS ...!!
WHO CARES, COME ON!!
HE'LL FIND US IN NO TIME!!
AH!!

VRRRAARRR
GASP
GASP
I CAN'T WALK ANYMORE...PLEASE, LEAVE ME BEHIND!
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HE'S COMING! HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN NAGATA-KUN!!
VRRRR
VRRARR
HE SPOTTED US!!
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CRAWL IF YOU HAVE TO!!
VRRARRR
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PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!!
WAKAHARA-SENSEI!!
YOU SAID THAT YOU'D BE OUR DAD!! THAT WE SHOULD ALL GET ALONG!!
PLEASE REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE!!
PLEASE, STOP!!
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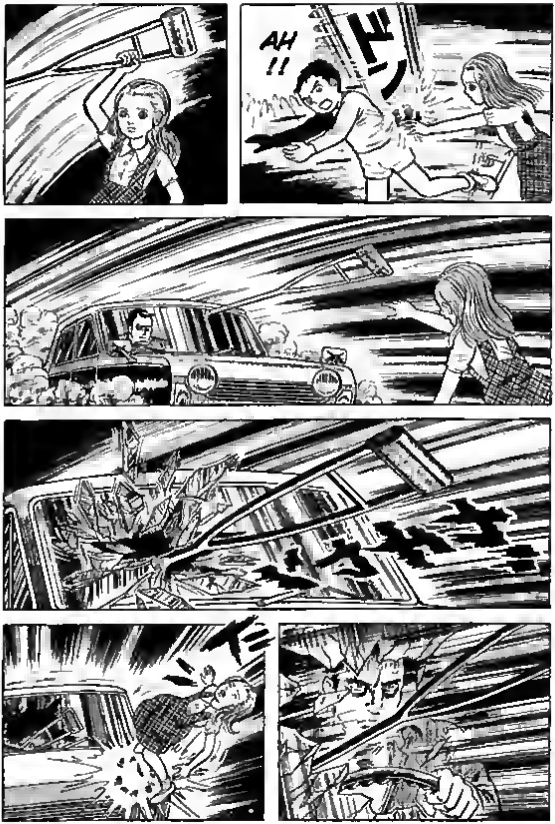
IT'S ME, TAKAMATSU SHO!! PLEASE, SENSEI, DON'T YOU REMEMBER!?
HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN!?
PLEASE!!


AH !!
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TH, THANK GOD, SHE'S STILL ALIVE; SHE'S MERELY UNCONSCIOUS!!
NISHI-KUN!!
PANT GASP
WAAHHH ...!!

!!
A CAVE!!

I MARCHED THROUGH THE PITCH-BLACK CAVE.
THE CAVE SOMEHOW FELT UNNATURAL, LIKE IT HAD BEEN CREATED ARTIFICIALLY.
I WALKED WITH ONE HAND ALWAYS ON THE ROCK WALL, THIS WAY, I THOUGHT I COULD PREVENT MYSELF FROM GETTING LOST

WAKAHARA-SENSEI'S COMING AFTER US!!
THAT LIGHT... IT'S A FLASHLIGHT!!
I TURNED TWO CORNERS, ALMOST FALLING SEVERAL TIMES
IT'S A DEAD END!!

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HE'S GETTING CLOSER!!
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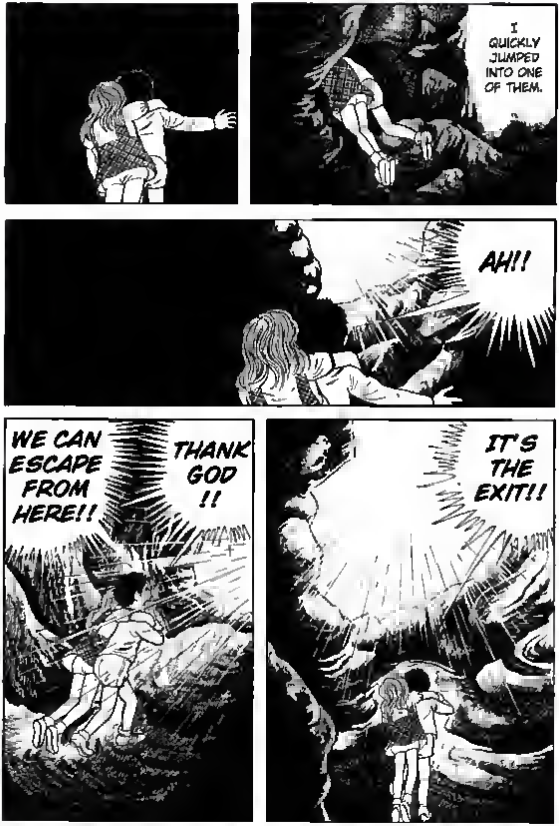
A SIDE PATH!
UPON TAKING A CLOSER LOOK, I COULD SEE THAT SEVERAL PATHS WERE UNIFORMLY LINED UP ONE NEXT TO ANOTHER.


I QUICKLY JUMPED INTO ONE OF THEM.
AH!!
WE CAN ESCAPE FROM HERE!!
THANK GOD !!
IT'S THE EXIT!!

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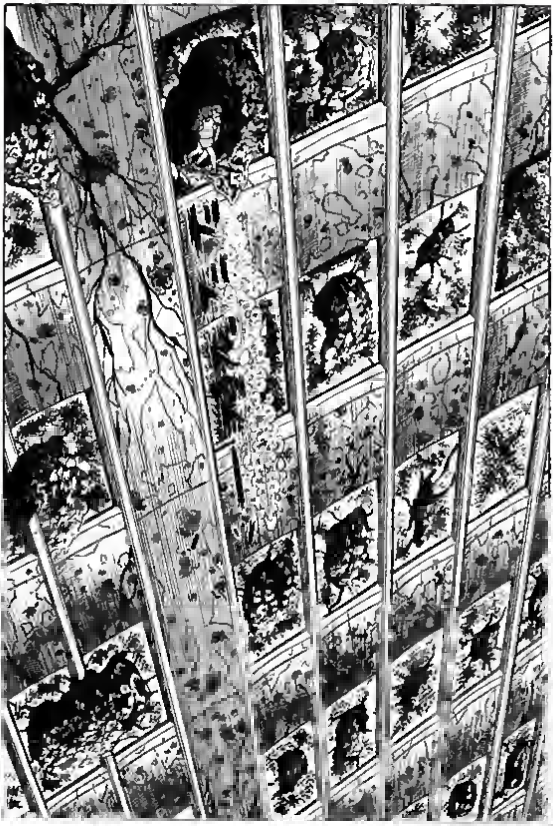

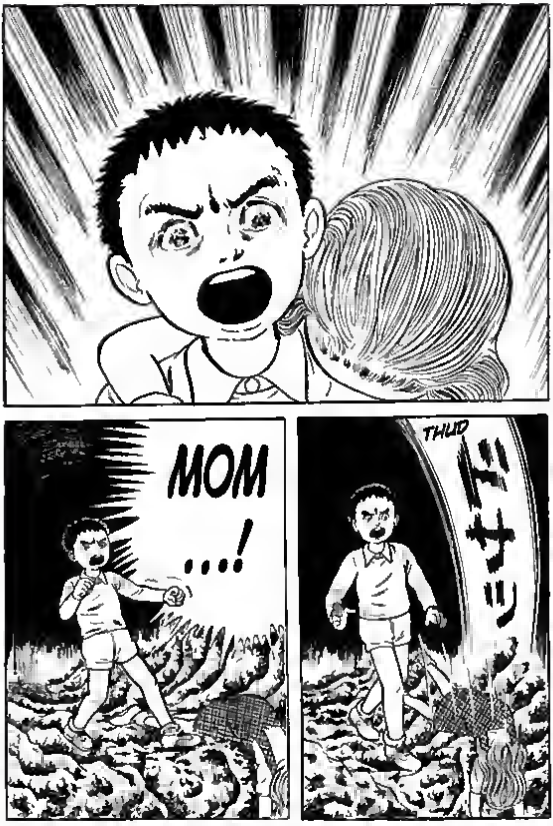
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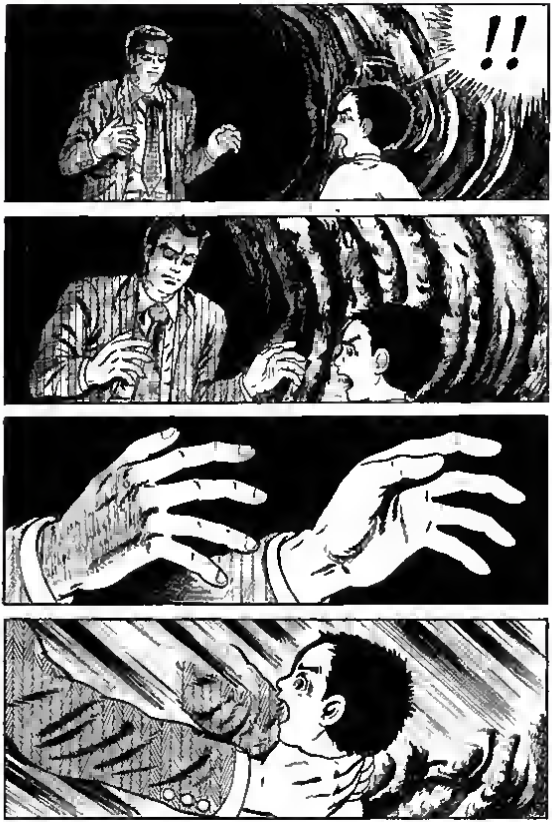
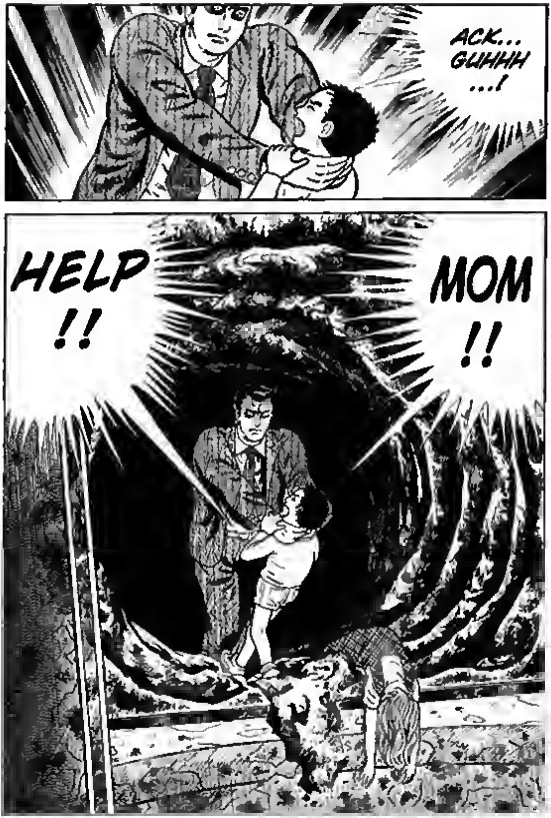
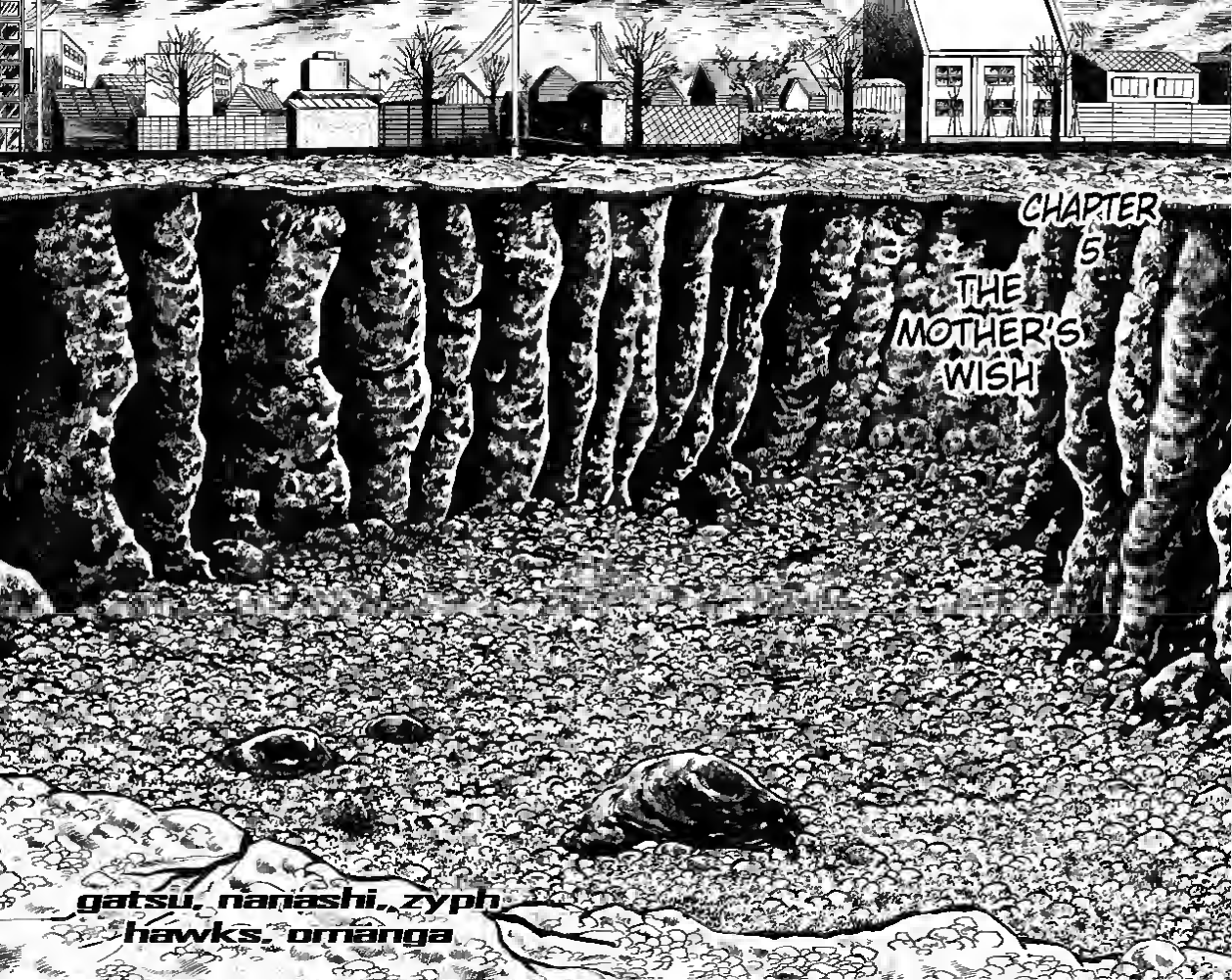



ACK... GUHHH ...!
HELP !!
MOM !!

GUH ...!!
UGH ...!!


CHAPTER
5
THE
MOTHER'S
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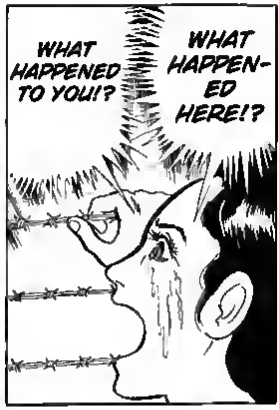
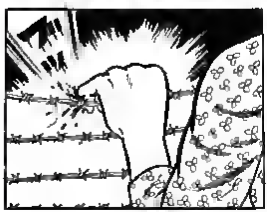
gatsu, nanashi, zyph
hawks, omanga

RETURN TO YOUR HOMES!!
WE HAVE SCIENTISTS GATHERING TO INVESTIGATE THE AREA, SO PLEASE, STAY CALM!!
THIS AREA IS DANGEROUS, PEOPLE; EVERYBODY STAY AWAY FROM THE FENCE!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SCHOOL!?
WHERE IS MY CHILD!?
SHO !!
WHERE ARE YOU!?
SHOOOO !!

PLEASE, COME BACK!!


WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE!?

WHERE'S OUR SHOJI!?
KAZUNORI!!
TOMOKO!!



HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? THAT FENCE IS DANGEROUS!!

I'M GOING INSIDE, AND FINDING OUT FOR MYSELF WHAT HAPPENED!!
LEAVE ME ALONE !!
MA'AM, PLEASE, STOP IT!!
RRRIF
AH!!
I'M TELLING YOU TO STOP!!
WAHHH!!
SHO!!

**"OBASAN" IS LITERALLY "AUNT" BUT IS ALSO USED TO ADDRESS OLDER WOMEN IN GENERAL

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S MISSING A CHILD

IT'S DARK NOW; LET'S GO HOME FOR NOW.
IT'S RAINING.

THANK YOU, SHINICHI-KUN.

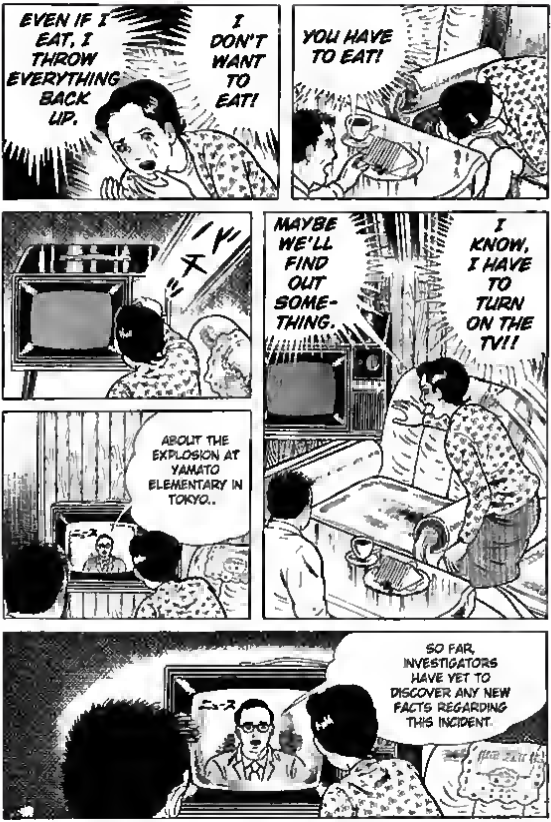
YES, SIR.
YOU SHOULD HURRY HOME TOO YOUR MOTHER MUST BE WORRIED

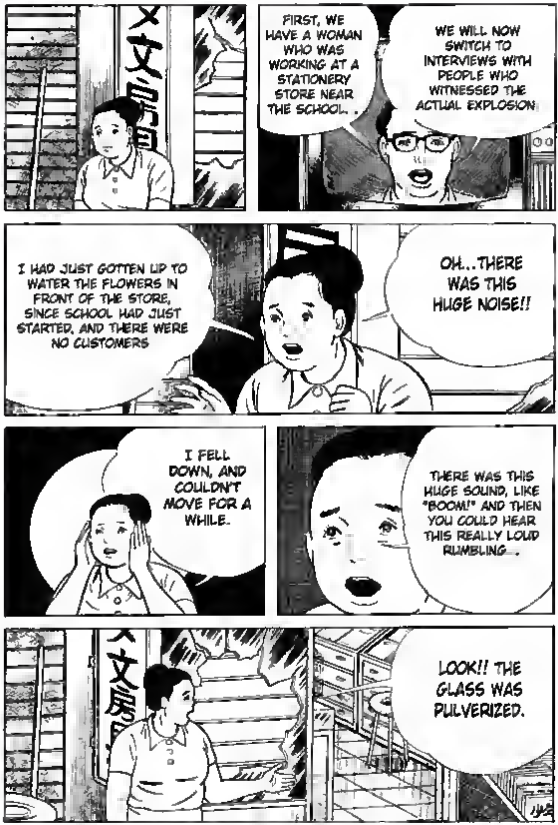
SHO ...!!

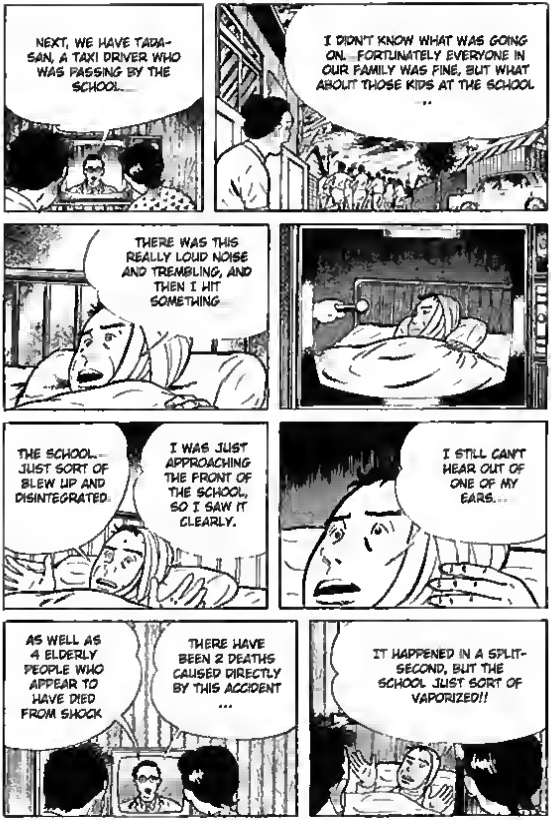
THIS ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE I TOLD SHO YESTERDAY THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO COME BACK!!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!

NOW, EAT!! YOU HAVEN'T EATEN A THING SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING!!

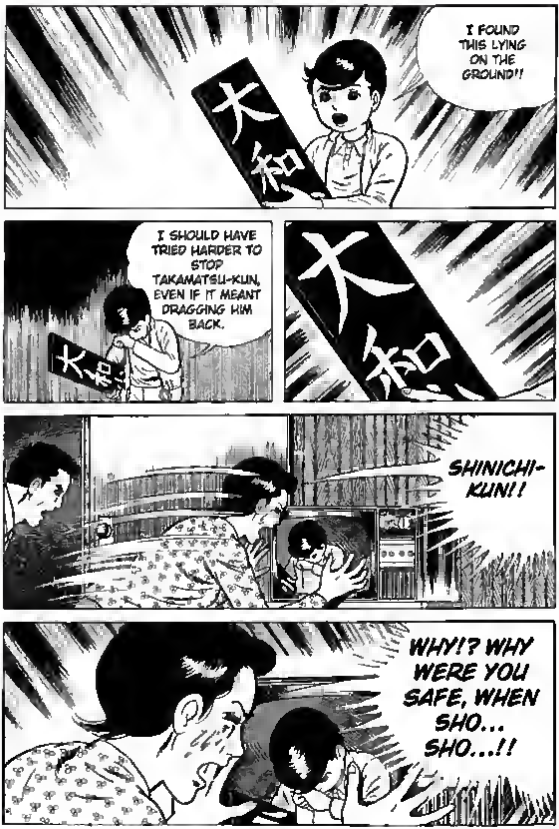
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!
YOU IDIOT !!

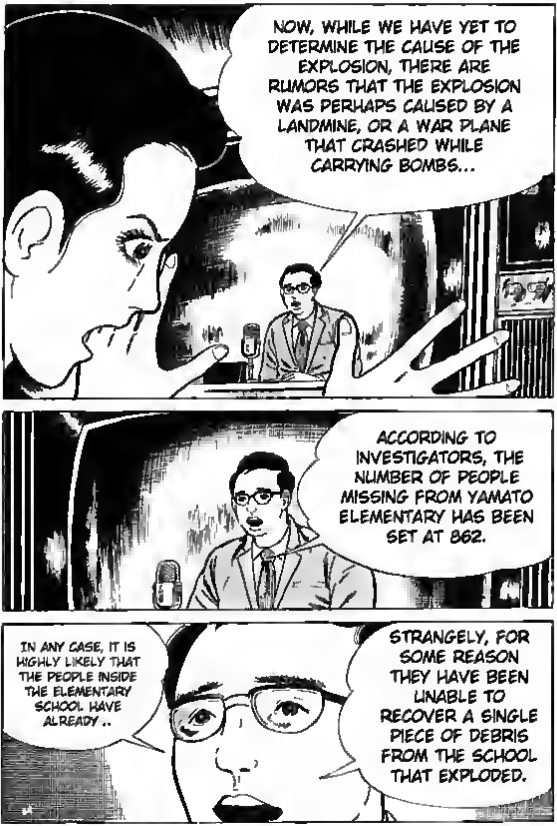

EVEN IF I EAT, I THROW EVERYTHING BACK UP.
I DON'T WANT TO EAT!
YOU HAVE TO EAT!
ABOUT THE EXPLOSION AT YAMATO ELEMENTARY IN TOKYO..
MAYBE WE'LL FIND OUT SOME-THING.
I KNOW, I HAVE TO TURN ON THE TV!!
SO FAR, INVESTIGATORS HAVE YET TO DISCOVER ANY NEW FACTS REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.


FIRST, WE HAVE A WOMAN WHO WAS WORKING AT A STATIONERY STORE NEAR THE SCHOOL..
WE WILL NOW SWITCH TO INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED THE ACTUAL EXPLOSION
I HAD JUST GOTTEN UP TO WATER THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE STORE, SINCE SCHOOL HAD JUST STARTED, AND THERE WERE NO CUSTOMERS
OH...THERE WAS THIS HUGE NOISE!!
I FELL DOWN, AND COULDN'T MOVE FOR A WHILE.
THERE WAS THIS HUGE SOUND, LIKE "BOOM!" AND THEN YOU COULD HEAR THIS REALLY LOUD RUMBLING...
LOOK!! THE GLASS WAS PULVERIZED.


NEXT, WE HAVE TADA-SAN, A TAXI DRIVER WHO WAS PASSING BY THE SCHOOL...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON. FORTUNATELY EVERYONE IN OUR FAMILY WAS FINE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE KIDS AT THE SCHOOL ...
THERE WAS THIS REALLY LOUD NOISE AND TREMBLING, AND THEN I HIT SOMETHING...
THE SCHOOL... JUST SORT OF BLEW UP AND DISINTEGRATED.
I WAS JUST APPROACHING THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, SO I SAW IT CLEARLY.
I STILL CAN'T HEAR OUT OF ONE OF MY EARS...
AS WELL AS 4 ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO APPEAR TO HAVE DIED FROM SHOCK
THERE HAVE BEEN 2 DEATHS CAUSED DIRECTLY BY THIS ACCIDENT ...
IT HAPPENED IN A SPLIT-SECOND, BUT THE SCHOOL JUST SORT OF VAPORIZED!!

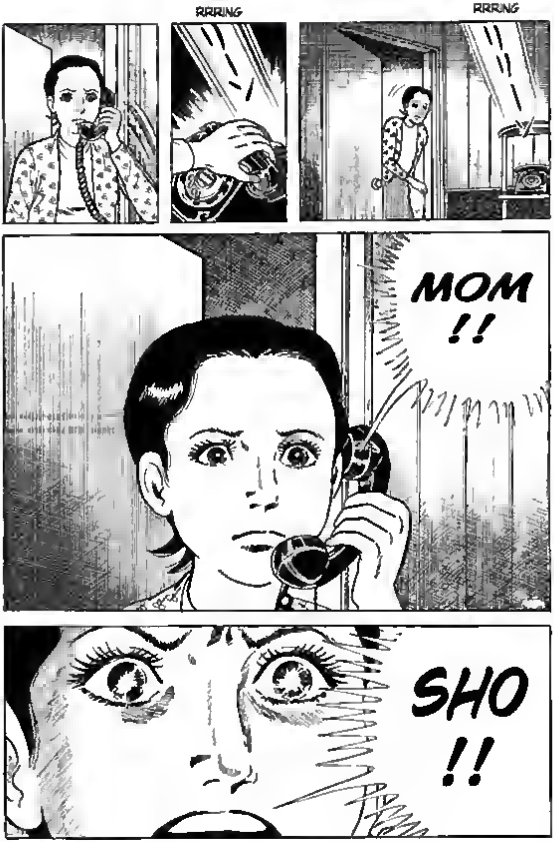
SHIN-CHAN!!
NEXT WE HAVE YAMADA SHINICHI-KUN, A SIXTH GRADER AT YAMATO ELEMENTARY WHO NARROWLY ESCAPED TRAGEDY.
I WAS RUNNING TO SCHOOL WITH MY FRIEND TAKAMATSU-KUN, WE WERE GOING TO BE LATE.
BUT I REALIZED HALFWAY THERE THAT I HAD FORGOTTEN MY LUNCH MONEY.
I SAID TO TAKAMATSU-KUN THAT WE SHOULD GO BACK, BUT TAKAMATSU-KUN SAID NO, BECAUSE WE'D BE LATE.. SO I WENT BACK BY MYSELF, AND THAT'S WHY I WAS SAFE. .
AND I FOUND THIS!!
大和小
I WAS ALMOST AT THE SCHOOL, WHEN I HEARD A HUGE NOISE, AND WHEN I RAN UP TO THE SCHOOL GROUND, THE SCHOOL HAD DISAPPEARED!!


I FOUND THIS LYING ON THE GROUND!!
大和
I SHOULD HAVE TRIED HARDER TO STOP TAKAMATSU-KUN, EVEN IF IT MEANT DRAGGING HIM BACK.
大和
大和
SHINICHI-KUN!!
WHY!? WHY WERE YOU SAFE, WHEN SHO... SHO...!!


NOW, WHILE WE HAVE YET TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION, THERE ARE RUMORS THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS PERHAPS CAUSED BY A LANDMINE, OR A WAR PLANE THAT CRASHED WHILE CARRYING BOMBS...
ACCORDING TO INVESTIGATORS, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE MISSING FROM YAMATO ELEMENTARY HAS BEEN SET AT 862.
IN ANY CASE, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAVE ALREADY..
STRANGELY, FOR SOME REASON THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RECOVER A SINGLE PIECE OF DEBRIS FROM THE SCHOOL THAT EXPLODED.

THUD THUD
DON'T SAY THAT SHO DIED!!
NO! DON'T SAY IT!
EMIKO !!
STOP IT!!
DON'T SAY IT!! DON'T !!
ガチャ

UHH ...!!
HERE, TAKE YOUR MEDICATION !!
RRING
COUGH GASP
RRING
RRING
RRRRING
I'LL GET IT!
THAT MIGHT BE THE POLICE THEY SAID THEY'D CONTACT US IF THEY FOUND ANYTHING OUT


RRRING
RRRING
MOM !!
SHO !!

HELLO!?
SHO, IS
THAT
YOU!?

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